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## SITUATION IN THE WARRING NATIONS

### Eighteen China Provinces Will Elect Provisional President.

## PERSIA IS GROWING HOSTILE

English Committee Receives Telegram Explaining Russia's Attitude Toward Persia After Accepting Ultimatum.

Shanghai, China, Dec. 27.—It is reported that the delegates of the 18 provinces of China proper intend to meet at Nanking on December 28th to elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen as President of the provisional government of the United Provinces. The arrival of Dr. Sun Yat Sen has injected an entirely new and forceful element into the ranks and councils of the revolutionaries. There is every evidence that Dr. Sun is receiving more consideration than other leaders of the revolutionaries here.

His residence is crowded from morning till evening with representatives of all the provinces, generals and governors, with whom he has continual consultations.

The delegates from the provinces of China proper, who have been attending the Nanking convention, came in a body to Shanghai, where they met Dr. Sun later returning to Nanking. There is reason to believe that they will meet on December 28th and elect Dr. Sun President of the provisional government of the United Provinces of China proper by a unanimous vote of the delegates of the 18 provinces. After that has been done the revolutionaries plan the selection of a cabinet by a President who will issue a proclamation setting forth the terms offered by the revolutionaries to the Manchus and the Imperial court in event of their peaceful surrender.

Should this not occur the campaign against the Manchus and the Imperialists will be continued and Peking will be taken.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen evidently does not regard the peace conference here seriously and will proceed with his plans without regard to Peking.

No decision has yet been reached as to whether the armistice is to be continued.

**Persian Committee Gets Telegram.**

London, Dec. 27.—The Persia committee, composed of prominent Englishmen interested in Persian affairs, has received the following telegram from the provincial assembly at Tabriz, sent through the Persian Society of Constantinople:

"On December 21st, Russian troops attacked and seized the administration buildings. They trampled school children under foot and killed and despoiled innocent men and women. They also looted the shops. The inhabitants after extraordinary forbearing, began to defend themselves and forced the Russians to evacuate the government offices.

"On December 22nd, the Russians bombarded the city until sunset, consternation increasing hourly. On December 23rd, in consequence of orders from the central government to cease fighting, the inhabitants took no steps to defend themselves, but the Russians renewed the bombardment, firing from the environs of their consulate at women and other innocent persons. They wounded or made captive the wives and children of many respectable citizens and set fire to numerous buildings and mosques. The inhabitants still remained quiet on December 25th, but the ferocity of the Russians greatly increased. They killed many women and children and a large number of buildings were burned by them."

**Russia Adopts Stringent Measures**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—A semi-official statement issued this evening says that the Russian government, in view of the facts of foolhardly aggression committed against the Russian forces and institutions in Tabriz, Resht and Ensli, sometimes followed by brutal torture of the wounded and base outrages against the dead," has decided that the severest punishment of the guilty is merited and Russian commanders in conjunction with Russian consuls, are instructed to adopt the most stringent measures.

These measures as set forth in the statement include the arrest and trial by court martial of all participants in the attacks, the disarmament of the Fidais and other troublesome elements, destruction of places where resistance might be offered and whatever else is deemed necessary to establish order and secure the chastisement of the offenders.

The latest reports from Tabriz announce that the telephone line to Julza has been cut. Julva is a small town in Trans-Caucasia on the Aras river, less than 100 miles from Tabriz. It was from this point that the Russian reinforcements were despatched to Tabriz several days ago.

**Decides to Suppress Deserters**

London, Dec. 27.—The Russian government decided upon stern measures to suppress disorders at Tabriz and other disturbed Persian towns. The dislocation of the telegraph lines makes it impossible to get a reliable narrative of the outbreaks. Yet it cannot be doubted that a situation of the gravest complexity has arisen.

As reports of Russian progress in Persia and stories of the indiscrimi-

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## OVER-PRODUCTION OF COAL

This Year's Production Second to the Record Year of 1910—Struggle for Trade Has Depressed the Prices.

Washington, Dec. 27.—There has been an over-production of coal this year and a consequent struggle for trade which depressed prices, is the opinion expressed today by Edward W. Parker, coal statistician for the United States Geological Survey. Mr. Parker added that there had been few more unsatisfactory years in the history of the coal mining industry and that prices were depressed to such an extent that when the total returns for the year were footed up, the balance probably would be on the wrong side of the ledger, although the production of coal in the United States for the year probably was second only to the record year of 1910.

"The anthracite industry in 1911" he said, "probably was as firm as any other in the country. A part of the increase in production was due to the stocking of fuel in anticipation of April 1, 1912, when the wage agreements terminate. The bituminous trade, on the whole, has been demoralized and discouraging; and much of the business was conducted at a loss. The principal cause for this, particularly in the Eastern States, has been the depression in the iron trade.

"The total production of coal for the year is estimated at 490,000,000 tons, only 11,000,000 less than in 1910. Of this year's production, 400,000,000 tons was bituminous coal.

### MISTOOK PEOPLE'S DESIRES.

Reyes' Wife Says He Could Have Escaped to Europe.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 27.—Gen. Reyes was mistaken with the desires of the people of Mexico when he undertook this revolution, commented Senora Reyes, his wife today. "In telegrams sent by him to Senora Del Valle he said that when he called to the people for assistance he was not answered. The government soldiers failed to capture the general. He had an abundance of funds on his person and could have easily made his way to the gulf, boarded a steamer and escaped to Europe. He did not care to do this as he feared his followers and sympathizers would be taken and executed."

Senora Reyes was not convinced of the general's surrender until she received a telegram from him today.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A general without any army and a revolutionary patriot without even a single follower was the plight in which General Bernardo Reyes found himself when he unfurled his standard of rebellion in Mexico. According to advices received today at the Mexican embassy here from Manuel Calebro, minister of foreign affairs for Mexico, General Reyes confessed that "not one man had rallied to him when he crossed the Mexican soil. Minister Caleros' dispatch follows:

"Please communicate to the press, officially, that General Reyes has surrendered to the government making the following declaration:

"'In order to effect the counter-revolution I issued a call to revolutionists, to the army and to the people. When I entered Mexico from the United States not one man answered my summons. This clear demonstration of the general sentiment of the nation obliged me to yield myself up, acknowledging the impossibility of creating war.'"

The embassy officials foretell a remarkable era of development for Mexico now that the menace of the civil war is removed.

### WOMAN MASQUERADED AS MAN.

Did It to Track Husband, She Said, But Made Love to Girl.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 26.—Policeman L. C. Lowry, of the Savon Mill village, was walking the streets dressed as a woman. Lowry hunted Owens up and demanded an explanation.

The supposed mill worker told the policeman that he was making a mistake. She said she was Oscar's sister, Mary, and had just arrived that day from Tennessee.

Oscar's 10-year-old brother was then subjected to a rigid inquisition, under which he declared that "Oscar" and Mary were the same, and that since her arrival at Saxon eight months ago she had been masquerading as a man.

Mary admitted this, saying her husband had deserted her and that she had adopted the disguise in the belief that as a man she would find it more easy to track her husband.

In the meantime, however, as Oscar Owens, she had become engaged to a 16-year-old girl, who is heartbroken over the revelation.

### THAW'S ESTATE SETTLED

Checks for 22 Per Cent. of Claims Go to Creditors

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—The financial affairs of Harry Kendall Thaw, an inmate of Mattewan Asylum and the slayer of Stanford White, were wound up today when Referee in Bankruptcy William R. Blair directed that checks for 22 per cent. of the amount of the claims against Thaw's estate be mailed to his creditors. Thaw's liabilities were about $300,000. The principal claim was that of his mother, Mrs. Mary Copeley Thaw, for $209,674.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee will begin work tomorrow on the Republican wool bill which is to follow the lines of the Tariff Board's report. Representative Hill, of Connecticut, and Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, called on President Taft today to discuss the matter with him.

## SAYS FARMERS DO NOT UNDERSTAND

### Syndicate Ready to Proceed With Plan for Holding Cotton.

## SOUTH REJECTED THE PLAN

Head of Syndicate Appropriating $50,000,000 For Aiding Southern Farmers to Hold Cotton Makes Statemen

Washington, Dec. 27.—Colonel Robert M. Thompson, of New York, head of the syndicate which proposed to advance $50,000,000 for the purpose of handling the Southern cotton crop, blames the Southern planter for the delay in putting the scheme into effect. He declared here today that the syndicate still was ready to proceed with the plan which he said meant everything to the Southern farmer.

"We did not reject the plan," he declared. "It was the South which rejected it; and the Southern farmers are opposed to it only because they do not understand it. They will have to be educated into the knowledge that our scheme is not a speculative one, as they have been led by certain interested parties in the South to believe.

"We will be willing today to put through the plan which we proposed some time ago to the committee from the South which met in New York and talked over the proposition. We are not trying to urge the South to accept something it does not want, but if it should appoint a committee and send it to us we would see to it that the plan we suggested was put through.

"As it is a number of individual farmers of the South have expressed their desire to have us handle their crop for them on the plan which we proposed for the entire South. This will be a test which will show the rest of the South just what we intended; and it is probable that by next year others will be willing to fall in with the scheme.

"The southern cotton farmers this year will lose $300,000,000 and the trouble is that at least $200,000,000 of this will go abroad. The country, not only the South, will be the loser by the South's refusal to accept the economic proposition we submitted."

### MOROS SURRENDER.

Insular Bureau Thinks Philippines Will be Greatly Developed.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Anxiety in the War Department today was relieved from a cable from Governor General Forbes, of the Philippines, on confirming the press report of the success of Gen. Pershing's attempt to disarm without bloodshed the troublesome Moros who had sought refuge on Mount Dajo.

The general's cablegram read: "John J. Pershing reports 300 Moros surrendered. Opposition to disarmament practically ended. Consider his management of affairs has been masterly."

Officials of the insular bureau believe Gen. Pershing thus has made it possible for a large number of peacefully inclined natives to take up agriculture and thereby greatly stimulate the development of the islands. The disarmament of the Moros is the culmination of a year's work by the military authorities.

### THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN.

Director Duncan Will Endeavor to Make Another Accession.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 27.—E. C. Duncan, a director of Norfolk Southern Railway, who has been engaged recently in negotiating for the purchase of several small independent lines, which form a connecting line between Norfolk and Charlotte, left today for New York to attend a meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Trans-Continental Consolidation Company, which recently began building a line of railroad from Knoxville, Tenn, to Rutherfordton, N. C.

It is reported that Mr. Duncan will endeavor to secure at the directors' meeting an interest in the construction company for the Norfolk Southern, which will give the latter a connection with the line under construction and thus direct access to the coal fields of Tennessee and West Virginia.

### MINISTER'S TRIAL TO BEGIN.

Committee of Thirteen to Pass on Charges at Roanoke, Va.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 26.—It is learned that the trial of Rev. W. H. H. Joyce, formerly pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by a committee of 13 brother ministers, will begin here on January 23rd. Bishop Collins Denny will come from his home in Richmond to preside over the trial. Bishop Denny now has under consideration the appointment of a successor to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Joyce at Trinity, but has come to no decision.

Washington, Dec. 27.—For heroic conduct in the fight with outlaws on the island of Basilan, Philippine Island, September 24ht. last, five members of the gunboat Rampanage have been awarded a medal of honor and a gratuity of $100 by Secretary of Navy Meyer. It was in this fight that Ensign Hovey was killed.

## FIRST WITNESS TESTIFIES

Tells of Efforts of Meat Packers to Organize a Merger—Contracts and Agreements Were Read —Plans of Organizations

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Company, and the first witness called by the government in the trial of the ten Chicago packers, testified today that the defendants made two efforts to organize a merger in the Summer of 1902 and that their efforts to finance the enterprise were unsuccessful in both instances.

The first plan was to include the Armour, Swift, Morris and Cudany interests with a capital of $293,000,000, divided as follows:

Bonds, $141,750,000; preferred stock, $169,750,000; common stock, $612,000.

After the promoters had failed to finance the proposition through Kihn, Loeb and Company, of New York, the change was planned to provide for a capitalization of $525,000,000 but the condition of the money market made it impossible to finance the modified merger.

Mr. Veeder testified that E. H. Harriman, James Stillman and other New York financiers, were to have furnished the capital and the amount they were to receive as compensation was $10,000,000.

The story of the two proposed mergers was told chiefly by the reading of contracts and agreements by interested parties to the jury by counsel for the government who then offered the documents in evidence. The late Gustavus F. Swift was to have been president of the merger. Edward Morris and Michael Cudahy were to have been vice presidents and J. Ogden Armour, chairman of the executive and finance committees.

The witness told of the organization of the National Packing Company, March 18th, 1903, but denied it had any connection with the proposed merger.

Mr. Veeder was on the witness stand when court adjourned. He will again testify tomorrow.

Henry Veeder, son of A. H. Veeder, who is said to have acted as secretary for the old packer's pool, known to the government under the name of "postoffice box No. 247," will be the next witness.

### CAPT. HAINS NOT TO REMARRY

Denies Report of Reconciliation With Divorced Wife

Washington, Dec. 26.—A story that Capt. Peter C. Hains and his former wife, Claudia Libbey Hains, on whose account he killed William E. Annis there years ago, have remarried has been persistent here today, but it was denied most emphatically by Captain Hains.

"There is not a word of truth in the statement that I have remarried or will remarry the woman I secured a divorce from three weeks ago," said Captain Hains. "There will never be any reconciliation between us."

Captain Hains, it has been understood for some time, desires to re-enter the army, but there has been no action looking to this end with the military authorities. The War Department officials succeeded in having passed by the last Congress a bill legislating any officer out of the service who was serving a stated term of imprisonment for conviction upon charges of manslaughter. This bill was directed particularly at Captain Hains, although it also applied to Captain Franklin, quartermaster. When the bill became a law, Hains and Franklin resigned.

Gen. Peter C. Hains, father of the former officer, endeavored, during the earlier part of his son's imprisonment, to keep him on the army list. He repeatedly sought the assitance of the military authorities in efforts to defeat the bill, which was presented by the War Department.

### SALEM VOTES BONDS.

Graded School, Street Improvement and Sewerage Extension.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 26.—Salem voted today to issue $75,000 in bonds, $50,000 of which will be used in establishing a graded school, $15,000 on street improvements and $10,000 on extension of sewerage system. Out of a registration of 357 over 300 cast in favor of bonds.

### OUTLINES.

The first witness testifying against the Chicago packers yesterday told of two efforts of the defendants to organize a merger.——The head of the syndicate appropriating $50,000,000 for aiding Southern cotton farmers in holding their cotton for better prices, and which was rejected, says the farmers do not understand the meaning of the offer. He says it is not a scheme of speculation.——The Norfolk Southern Railroad, which has been extending its accessions recently, is now endeavoring to connect its lines with a Tennessee road——Roosevelt, upon a personal invitation to attend the Peace Banquet Saturday, has again declined.——The two proprietors of the Triangle Waist factory in New York, which was burned, causing the death of many employes, were given a verdict of not guilty by the jury trying them for manslaughter.

New York markets: Money on call steady 3 1-2 to 4 per cent.; ruling rate 3 3-4; closing bid 3 1-2; offered at 3 3-4. Spot cotton quiet, ten points higher. Flour quiet and steady. Wheat spot firm, No. 2 red 64 3-4 elevator, export basis, and 98 1-4 fob afloat. Corn spot firm; export new, 69 fob afloat. Turpentine steady. Rosin quiet.

## VARIED SUBJECTS BEING DISCUSSED

### Opening Session American Society for Advancement of Science.

## SCIENTISTS AND ECONOMISTS

Subjects Ranging From Origin of American Indian to Prevention of Mine Disasters Were Discussed.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Subjects ranging from the origin of the American Indian to the prevention of disasters in mines were discussed by the leading scientists and economists of the United States today in the opening session of the American Society for the Advancement of Science, and the 30 affiliated associations holding conventions in Washington this week.

Every phase of aeroplane building and operation is to be discussed at an airship session of the association and important questions of food protection, plant and anmal breedings, home economics and scientific research will be debated.

The search for diamonds in Arkansas was the subject of a discussion before the Geology Society of America today. State Geologist Purdue, of Arkansas, said no proof had been found as yet to show that the small area in which the original Arkansas diamonds were found in 1906 would be extended.

H. P. Talbot, of Boston, in an address before the American Chemical Society, declared much of the analytical work now being done by chemists was below the standard that should be maintained, because the chemists had permitted themselves to be placed in a secondary position. He said much of the analytical work was done at a price that made it necessary for the chemist either to slight his work or to do it at a loss to himself.

An effort to prevent dust or explosion in mines in November and December when they are most prevalent has brought about a condition that is puzzling the health authorities and the bureau of mines and which is still unsolved. Dr. J. Holmes, chief of the Bureau of Mines, told the science association that two experts of the marine hospital service had been called in to investigate conditions. In the effort to drive out poisonous gases from mines by means of the introduction of air through a room filled with steam, miners working in the warm moist atmosphere have developed the hookworm disease and tuberculosis at an alarming rate. Efforts are being made to improve sanitary conditions.

### IMPORTANT TESTIMONY.

Jury at Los Angeles Getting Much Evidence Concerning Dynamiters.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—Coincident with the appearance of H. W. Pohlman, business agent of the Seattle Iron Workers Union, as a witness before the Federal grand jury, which resumed its investigation today into the Nation-wide dynamite conspiracy, it became known that another resident of Seattle, Dr. G. D. Wagner, had appeared before the inquisitors and given important testimony.

Dr. Wagner, who manages an electrical supply company, was said to have told of a meeting he had with James B. McNamara in Seattle, in August, last year. Dr. Wagner's business was situated opposite the Lyons building, which was damaged by dynamite on August 30th, 1910.

The Lyons building explosion was credited to James B. McNamara, who at that time was said to have made his first dynamiting expedition to the Pacific coast. According to the testimony of Dr. Wagner, is said to have given, a man whom he afterwards identified by newspaper pictures as James B. McNamara, took a part of one of his destructive machines to the Wagner company for repairs.

Another witness was William Brown, and employe of the Los Angeles Times. He testified that the morning before the Times building was destroyed, October 1st, 1910, he met James B. McNamara in the basement near the spot where the actual explosion occurred. According to Brown, McNamara said he was looking for work as a newspaper mailer.

After questioning Paul Scharrenburg, of San Francisco, secretary of State Federation of Labor, the grand jury adjourned. The Federal court adjourned until Saturday and as many indictments would have to be presented in that tribunal the adjournment precluded the possibiliy of the return of true bills before that date.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 27.—Fifteen destroyers comprising the eighth, the ninth and the tenth divisions of the Atlantic torpedo fleet, sailed from the Charleston navy yard just after daybreak today. The eighth and ninth divisions will proceed to Hampton Roads and the tenth division to Narragansett Bay. The torpedo craft will join the Atlantic battleship fleet, to take part in Winter maneuvers in Cuban waters.

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## ROOSEVELT IS STANDING PAT

Being Personally Invited to Attend Peace Banquet He Has Again Declined—Revise Purpose of Dinner

New York, Dec. 27.—Although President Taft is to be the guest of honor and Andrew Carnegie is down on the programme as honorary president, the pending arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France, for which Mr. Taft has labored and which Mr. Carnegie has endorsed, are not to be brought officially before the Citizens' Peace Banquet to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Saturday night. At least this is the plan of a majority of the executive committee as voiced today by Millard J. Bloomer, the executive secretary. The committee had reached this decision, said Bloomer, after he had informed its members of the receipt several weeks a of a letter from Theodore Roose it declaring as an opponent of certain phases of the pending treaties, to attend the banquet. Mr. Bloomer then laid the matter befor ethe committee and it was decided, he said, that the sense of the body was that the specific purpose of the dinner was not to endorse the agreements.

With this revised understanding, Mr. Bloomer called on Colonel Roosevelt again today, and again the Colonel declined flatly to attend. But, as Mr. Bloomer said, this would not change the attitude of the promoters toward the scope of the gatherings. Ir other words it was for the purpose of promoting "world peace in general without reference to any treaty in particular."

Whether President Taft and Mr. Carnegie understood this when they accepted invitations to the banquet, Mr. Bloomer could not say. That issue, he explained, had not been raised at the time the invitations were sent out.

At Mr. Carnegie's residence it was said that he had accepted an invitation to the affair with the idea that the arbitration treaties were to be the paramount topics and that he had heard nothing in the change of plans until today. Notwithstanding this, it was said, Mr. Carnegie had no comment to make.

Mayor Gaynor declined today to serve on the reception committee at the dinner.

### FAIL TO FIX BLAME

Proprietors of Triangle Waist Factory Get Verdict of Not Guilty

New York, Dec. 27.—The State failed today in its efforts to fix the blame for the fire horror of March 25, 1911, in which 147 employes of the Triangle Waist Company lost their lives. A verdict of not guilty was returned late today by the jury in the case of Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, proprietors of the factory, who were indicted in connection with the holocast. The jury came in at 4:36 P. M. after deliberating for an hour and 45 minutes. The pronouncement of acquittal was first taken quietly by the defendants, but after an adjournment to an ante-room they gave way to their emotion in tears when embraced by relatives and friends. As they passed out through a line of policemen to the street a large crowd of men, women and children lined up against them. One hysterical man tried to press through the throng, crying: "Not guilty! Not guilty! Murder! Murder! Murder."

He fell on the steps of the Court in convulsions, gasping that he had lost one sister in the fire. By the time the excitement was over the defendants had darted into a subway entrance escaping the hostile crowd.

Harris and Blanck were not charged in a wholesale manner with the deaths that occurred at the fire, but specifically with manslaughter in the case of Margaret Schwartz, a young girl who was found near the door on the ninth floor of the building. The main argument of both prosecution and defendants was directed against this door, the State introducing over a hundred witnesses in an attempt to prove that it was locked and the defense refuting this contention by a mass of testimony.

### COMPULSORY INOCULATION

Navy and Marine Corps Must Undergo Fever Preventative

Washington, Dec. 27.—As a supplementary preventative measure against the inroads of typhoid fever in the ranks of the navy and marine corps, the compulsory inoculation of all the officers and enlisted men of these branches of the service under 42 years of age has been ordered by Secretary of the Navy Myers. All recruits will be subjected to the treatment and all those applying for reenlistment also will take the treatment if they have not undergone it within two years previously or had a case of the fever. In case of doubt the order provides that it shall be administered.

A similar order was issued by the War Department some time ago.

### CONGRESSMAN MARRIES

Representative Slemp, of Virginia, Gets Louisiana Bride

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—Miss Robert T. Barton, of Bayou, LaFourche, La., yesterday became the bride of Congressman Campbell Bascom Slemp of Big Stone Gap, Va., the ceremony being performed by the Rev. W. A. Barr, at Christ Church Cathedral.

The marriage is the result of the romance which began two years ago at Hot Springs, Va. After a visit to the Barton sugar plantation Mr. and Mrs. Slemp will go to Washington.

## OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENCY

### Senator LaFollette Assaults the G. O. P., Trusts and Other Things.

## HIS IDEA FOR CURE OF EVILS

He Speaks of the Course of His Party---Federal Control of Corporations—The Currency Question

Cleveland, Dec. 27.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette made the opening speech of his campaign for the Presidency here tonight by an assault on some of the trusts and an enunciation of his ideas for the cure of evils resulting from the present system of government.

From this Mr. LaFollette launched into a discussion of Elbert H. Gary's plan for Federal regulation of prices as a relief from monopoly. Mr. LaFollette said he had no patience with this method. In his analysis he went farther and said that ultimately the government would have to fix prices of labor, hours of employment and compensation of original producers in order to fix accurately the prices to be offered the consumers.

Instead of the Gary plan or the Taft plan of a Federal license for incorporations, Senator LaFollette proposed his own plan for a commission on restraints of trade to relieve the country of the condition in which he finds it. The Senator saw great evil in the growth of the trusts and describing it, said:

"A tremendous power has grown up in the country in recent years. Again and again it has proven strong enough to nominate the candidate of both political parties. It rules in the organization of legislative bodies, State and national, and of the committees which frame legislation. Its influence is felt in cabinets and in the policies of administrations. Its influence is seen in the appointment of prosecuting officers and the selection of judges upon the bench.

"In business it has crippled or destroyed competition. It has stifled individual initiative. It has fixed limitations in the field of production. It makes prices and imposes its burdens upon the consuming public at will.

"In finance its power is unlimited. In large affairs it gives or withholds credit, and from time to time contracts or inflates the volume of the money required for the transaction of the business of the country, regardless of everthing excepting its own profits.

"It has acquired large control of the public domain, monopolized the natural resources, timber, iron, coal and oil.

"And this mighty power has grown up in a country where, under the constitution and the law, the citizens is sovereign."

Although Senator LaFollette made no direct reference to the President nor suggested his own candidacy, he included in his speech a denunciation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law immediately following his praise of labor organization and his opinion that the Sherman anti-trust law did not contemplate their regulation.

"The passage of the Payne-Aldrich bill was the most outrageous assault of private interests upon the people recorded in tariff history," he said. He criticised the proposed National Reserve Association of the Aldrich Monetary plan. "The greatest menace to competition at the present time is the control of credit and the concentration of money in the hands of those who control the trusts," he continued. "Elasticity in our currency is imperative, and must be secured, but any plan to secure it, like that of the proposed National Reserve Asseciation, which puts control in the hands of the banks and moneyed interests, will strengthen the power of the trusts to get capital, and to keep competitors from getting it. Any such plan must be controlled by the people. It is the people's money that is expected to give security to any plan, and the people's money must not be controlled by those who, on the plea of elasticity will be able to use it to kill competitors of the trusts."

Senator LaFollette described the manner of growth of trusts and monopolies and attributed to patent rights, the tariff laws and the money trust the reason for their being.

"At any time within the last ten or fifteen years whenever a voice has been raised in protest, it has been silenced or discredited as an attack upon business and prosperity," he said. "Honest, unselfish, patriotic effort to awaken the public to an appreciation of the dangers threatened by this great power, has been denounced as the work of the demagogue and self-seeker. Whoever has been conspicuous in any movement, municipal, State or national, that man has been marked and proclaimed dangerous, and wherever such a leader has been thoroughly going and effective in his work—through a controlled press, and upon the highest business authority, every such man has been especially characterized and the public particularly warned against him. But finally, the time seems to have arrived when even the most conservative citizen admits the gravity of the problem confronting the American people."

The progressive movement, Mr. La

Follette declared, has as its aim the restoration of the government to the people. "The real cure for the ills of Democracy is more Democracy," was one of his epigrams.

"That is what the struggle in Wisconsin, in California, in Ohio and Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Kansas, and in every other State in this Union, means; that government shall be brought back to and committed to the hands of the people; that they are supreme over legislatures, over government, over Presidents, over constitutions, over courts," he asserted.

The Senator pointed to the record of legislative and administrative achievement in Wisconsin on the so-called progressive principle as proof of his theory that better government can be given the people by restoring that function to them.

"The very backbone of true representative government is the direct participation in the affairs of government by the people through direct primaries for the nomination of candidates," he said. He declared that the old machine politicians had lost control in Wisconsin through this law. He also favored the Presidential primary system. Of this he said:

"If there is one thing more than another that has been put to the front in this campaign by the progressives it is the demand for the election of delegates to the National convention by popular primary elections, and a provision by which electors may directly express their choice for Presidential candidates upon their party ticket. This proposition has been opposed by the National Republican committee, and by machine politicians everywhere. They dread to give up that peculiar power that caucuses and conventions give them. They fear the secret ballot that enables men to vote their convictions and judgment, without intimation of espionage."

**Two Speeches During Day.**

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—Senator LaFollette now an avowed candidate for the Presidential nomination on the principles outlined as "progressive Republican", closed his first day of campaigning in President Taft's State with a largely attended meeting in the Cleveland Grays armory after a few hours' visit at Youngstown in the afternoon. While at both meetings considerable attention was paid to corporations and their growth and conduct, the greater part of the speeches was devoted to explaining what was meant by "Progressive Republicanism" and what the "progressives" have done in their control of the State government in Wisconsin.

## LESSENS RISK

**Passing Ether and Chloroform Through Water Stops Nausea**

New York, Dec. 27.—How ether and choloroform can be administered without producing nausea and at the same time the risk of death from anaesthetic be greatly reduced, is to be explained in detail in a book soon to be published by James T. Gwathmey and Dr. Charles Baskerville. The method, which in the first form, was devised by Dr. Gwathmey, has been tried in about 6,000 cases without a death caused by the anaestnetic.

"Vapor anaesthesia" is what Dr. Gwathmey calls the metnod. What he does is to force the vapor of ether or chloroform or a mixture of both through warmed water before letting the patient breathe it. The warmth of the water causes the anaesthetic, instead of irrtating the mucous lining of the lungs and bronchial tubes by its coldness, to reach them at approximately blood heat. The water itself absorbs the poisonous aldehydes which, with the rirritation caused by the chill, have caused the nausea.

The apparatus invented by Dr. Gwathmey consists of three glass botties with one stopcock. One bottle holds ether, another chloroform, anu the third water warmed to a few degrees higher than the temperature of the blood. With a foot pump the man who is administering the anaesthetic forces the vapor to bubble through the water just as smoke bubbles through the bowl of a hookah. Pressed against the patient's mouth and nose is a mask. It is not the old-style mask filled with gauze into which the anaesthetic was poured drop by drop. Its rim is a tube perforated with a series of holes through which the vapor is pumped.

The first thing Dr. Gwathmey does when he begins to anaesthetize a patient is to pour a few drops of spirits of orange on gauze which he lays over the top of the mask. He has found out recently that the odor of this perfume is so penetrating that a person who takes a few whiffs of it before the ether or chloroform is turned on will not smell the anaesthetic at all. Thus the odor of the anaesthetic, more repugnant to many a sufferer than the operation itself, is eliminated, and the nurses and doctors at the operating table, too, smell only orange.

## EXAMINE MORSE

**President Taft Gives Instructions to Medical Corps**

Atlanta, Dec. 27.—Acting under instructions issued by President Taft a special board of inquiry composed of officers of the medical corps U. S. A., arrived here tonight to make another examination of Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, confined in the army hospital at Fort McPherson. The board consists of Colonel Henry Birmingham, Major Fauntleroy and Major Russell, all on special assignments at Washington.

It was stated at Fort McPherson that a preliminary examination of Morse was made soon after their arrival about 8 o'clock but nothing as to the nature of their findings was made public. If Mr. Morse's condition permits a thorough examination will be made tomorrow and the report wired to Washington.

According to officers at McPherson Morse's condition has remained about the same during the past few days with no signs of any improvement as a result of the change from the Federal prison to the army hospital.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 26.—As their mother looked on, two brothers fought till one of them dropped dead, at Wheat, Roane county, today. After the tragedy, Jacob Hembree surrendered. He said his brother Hess abused his mother by his violent language. Jacob upbraided his kinsman, who, it is declared, drew a knife. Before the mother could step between the two men, Jacob fired. His brother dropped dead.

## MORRIS OUT-FOUGHT KENNEDY.

**No Advancement Toward Aspiration to Fight Jack Johnson.**

New York, Dec. 27.—Carl Morris, the Oklahoma engineer, out-fought Tom Kennedy, the New York heavyweight, in eight rounds of a ten round bout at the Empire Athletic Club tonight. In the general opinion of those at the ringside neither of the white heroes showed an advancement tonight toward their aspirations of some day wresting the world's championship from Jack Johnson. The heavier Oklahoma man, weighing 228 pounds as compared with Kennedy's 215, was considered too slow and Kennedy's much praised foot work proved a disappointment.

The New York man showed great gameness in taking punishment. He had so much the worst of it in the latter rounds that many of the spectators shouted to Referee Dan Tome to stop the bout, but he declined to interfere. The first round was even with Morris' best blows, lefts and rights to the body and Kennedy's left jabs to the face. Morris rushed in in the second with a left to the face, followed by lefts and rights to the head and stomach. Kennedy sent back a couple of left jabs to the face.

Morris kept forcing through the third round with rights and lefts to the body and a left to the face. Kennedy also got in a stinging left to the Westerner's face and followed with a left swing to the jaw. They exchanged body blows and were in the midst of a hot rally at the bell. It was Morris' round. Morris was the aggressor again in the fourth, but in the fifth honors went to Kennedy. After taking a right and left to the head and being forced into a neutral corner Kennedy came back, however, with a shot of his right to the jaw, staggering Morris to the ropes at the end of the round.

Morris came back enthusiastic with severe punishment for Kennedy by short arm jolts, half upper-cuts and a straight left on Kennedy's nose, which made it bleed the more. From this on Morris was all over his man with Kennedy fighting back as gamely as he could. The bout ended with a rally in which both were in fighting to the body. They clinched several times and in the break away Morris got in the more telling blows. The only damage Morris showed was a puffing of his lips while Kennedy was bleeding profusely at the nose and was severely battered.

## POULTRY ON FARMS

**Preliminary Statement of 13th Census Issued by Bureau**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Statistics relative to poultry reported on farms for continental United States, at the Thirteenth Decennial Census, April 15th, 1910, are contained in an official statement issued today in an official statement issued today by Director Durand. It is based on tabular summaries prepared by Dr. John Lee Coulter, under the direction of Dr. LeGrand Powers, chief statistician for agriculture in the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce and Labor. Special attention is called to the fact that the present statement relates only to poultry on farms, as no enumeration was provided for by law for cities and towns. Preliminary statements by States have been published.

Table 1 gives the numbers of the various kinds of poultry reported in 1910 and 19100, together with their value and the number of farms reporting each kind in 1910.

The total number of farms reporting poultry in 1910 was 5,585,032, or 87.8 per cent. of all farms in continental United States. Only 6,507 of the farms reporting poultry failed to report chickens. Turkeys were reported from 871,123 farms, or 13.7 per cent.; ducks from 503,704, or 7.9 per cent.; geese from 662,024, or 10.4 per cent.; guinea fowls from 339,538, or 5.3 per cent.; and pigeons from 109,407, or 1.7 per cent.

The number of fowls reported in 1910 was 295,880,000, and their total value was $154,663,000, or an average value of 52 cents. Nearly 95 per cent. of all the fowls were chickens; they numbered 280,345,000, and their value was $140,206,000, the average value being 50 cents. Turkeys numbered 2,689,000 and were valued at $6,606,000 the average value being $1.79. The ducks reported numbered 2,907,000, and were valued at $1,567,000, with an average value of 54 cents. Of geese the total number was 4,432,000, and the value $3,195,000, or an average value of 72 cents. In 1910 there were also reported 1,765,000 guinea fowls, valued at $613,000; 2,431,000 pigeons, valued at $762,000; and 6,458 peafowls, valued at $18,300. Ostriches to the number of 5,361 were reported, with a value of $1,696,000, or over $300 each. The ostriches were reported from five States: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida and Texas.

## STAGE HANGING NEARLY REAL.

**Trap Sprung Accidentally in Yale Men's Presentation of Play.**

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Members of the Yale University Dramatic Association, who arrived here today from Salem, Ohio, and presented the Bernard Shaw play, "The Devil's Disciple," at the Nixon Theatre this afternoon, tell of the near hanging of Irving G. Beebe, who plays the title role.

The story is that at Salem last night, while Beebe was standing in the shadow of the gallows during the hanging scene the trap was inadvertently sprung. The noose around his neck proved more effective than was intended. As he dropped, the knot tightened under his left ear, almost ending respiration. William Lambie, of Pittsburg, is given credit for the rescue work, he having held up Beebe when it was seen he was choking until others could slacken the knot.

## BURNED TO DEATH IN JAIL.

**Prisoner Believed to Have Overturned Stove in Attempt to Escape.**

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 26.—Cal Dollyson, a young man, was burned to death Christmas morning in a fire which destroyed the jail at Frametown, W. Va. He had been drinking.

Before going home the policeman fixed the fire. Later the building was discovered ablaze. Would-be rescuers could not get near. It is thought Dollyson kicked over the stove in an effort to escape through an opening made by the stovepipe.

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## LANDS NEAR CITIES.

**May be Utilized to Lower Cost of Living, Says Secretary.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—In line with his policy to use the machinery of the Department of Agriculture to help lower the cost of living, Secretary Wilson thinks the lands near the large cities should be used so that their markets for food stuffs could be supplied with home grown products. Only recently 15,000 tons of potatoes reached New York from Scotland for New York City consumption. "Within an hour's ride of the greater city there is enough uncultivated land to produce many times the amount of this cargo of potatoes, if only properly cultivated."

"This applies not only to the potato crop, but to nearly all the trucking crops. And, too, this situation does not affect New York alone, but every city and community from Maine to Texas, and the West and Middle West, but, indeed, almost the entire country.

"Washington is a fair example of the argument. There are thousands of acres of cheap lands in nearby Maryland and Virginia that would supply the Washington market with all the potatoes, cabbage, and other truck crops it would consume. Instead, most of the supply of these farm products is shipped from a distance at, of course, a much higher cost than would be the case if they were produced in contiguous territory. The important fact in regard to this is that these lands in Maryland and Virginia can be bought cheap and put in condition for cultivation at a nominal outlay.

"In the South our reports show that most of the potatoes, cabbage, eggs, butter and meats used are shipped from a distance. One of our agents reported that he ordered eggs for breakfast at a hotel in North Carolina and was informed that the train from Washington was late and there were no eggs to be had in the town. Within a radius of a few miles of this city is enough vacant land to supply nearly the entire State with eggs. This agent found that 75 per cent. of the eggs, butter, poultry, meats, and vegetables were imported from out-of-State markets.

"The problem of supplying the markets with home-grown and home-raised food stuffs is a serious one in the question of the high cost of living, and when it is solved by the cultivation of the neglected acreage of lands, I believe the whole problem will have been materially reduced. The Department of Agriculture is working to bring this about."

## DIE FROM POISONING.

**Inmates Berlin Municipal Shelter Eat Spoiled Food.**

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Thirty inmates of the Berlin municipal shelter for the homeless have died since last night from poisoning and not less than ten others are in a serious condition from the same cause. The number of destitute men who took refuge in the institution last night was 4,414. Some of them brought with them scraps of extra food in order to give a Christmas touch to the frugal meal of bread and soup served out to them by the authorities. This extra delicacy consisted in many cases of spoiled smoked herring, of which a large number partook.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Thirty-six homeless men, who sought with decayed smoked herring to add to the frugal meal of bread and soup, served to them at the municipal lodging house last night, are dead. More than forty others are sick, several of whom are believed to be dying.

The cause of death has not yet been announcd, but the authorities are confident that the putrid fish are responsible. The partially completed autopsies appear to substantiate this view. All those known to have partaken of the fish are dead, or in such condition as to be unable to throw light on the subject. It is believed, however, that one of the victims found the fish in the garbage of a nearby market, and divided them among his comrades. The men became sick early this morning, death following rapidly.

## WOMEN FLY WITH ATWOOD.

**Aviator Takes Up Three in Exhibition Flights at Providence.**

Providence, R. I., Dec. 26.—Harry N. Atwood, Boston aviator, entertained a big crowd at Narragansett Park, volplaning and giving an exhibition of the spiral glide. Atwood made six flights and took up three women and Robert J. B. Sullivan, of this city, and A. E. Barnett, who fell recently from a machine of his own making.

The women who went up with Atwood are Miss Myra MacEwen, of New York; Mrs. J. W. Craig, of Boston, and Mrs. Herbert R. Dean, at whose home Atwood has been a guest since coming here.

Cheers and the blowing of horns greeted Atwood at each ascension. The carrying of passengers, the first time anything of the kind has been seen here, kept the crowd in an uproar of excitement.

## ROGER SULLIVAN TO GO.

**Editor to Succeed as National Committeeman from Illinois.**

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Rapid and decisive changes in Illinois politics most important of which will be the relinquishment by Roger Sullivan of his place on the Democratic National Committee, are shaping themselves and will be put into effect probably within a fortnight.

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## THE LANCASHIRE SHUT-OUT.

**Complete Stoppage of a Number of Cotton Mills is Caused.**

Manchester, England, Dec. 27.—The refusal of one man and two women to join a trade union, coupled with the decision of the master cotton spinners to close their mills three days in the week, caused a complete stoppage of a great portion of the cotton mills in Northeast Lancashire tonight. Efforts are already afoot to bring about a settlement but as one woman who left the union after 20 years because she believes that the benefits are not commensurate with the payments, persists in her attitude, and the master spinners insist upon their right to maintain open shops, a long and bitter struggle is feared. There is danger, too, of the fight spreading to other industries.

The lockout involves 160,000 weavers and nearly an equal number of spinners will be reduced to half pay. It is estimated that the weekly loss in wages to the weavers and allied workers, spinners and card-room employes, will amount to $1,400,000.

## MYSTERIOUS GIRL DISAPPEARS.

**Norfolk Suspect Resembling Heiress Dodges Possible Identification.**

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—To avoid meeting detectives from Philadelphia and elsewhere who are coming here to identify her, the mysterious girl who had been an inmate of the Rescue Mission has escaped from that institution.

The girl, who, Mrs. Belle Ryno, matron of the mission, declared, greatly resembled Dorothy Arnold, left the institution some time between 4 o'clock and daybreak Sunday morning in company with a woman known as Reba Burnett, who played the double role of guardian and maid.

Mrs. Ryno says she went to bed about 4 o'clock Sunday morning after working hard all night and did not get up until 10 o'clock. She found a note from the mysterious girl, saying she would write later on. Mrs. Ryno says the girl gave her name as Katharine Daly.

## VIRGINIA MAY BE DRY.

**Richmond Newspaper Completes Poll in Coming Legislature.**

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—According to statistics gathered by the News-Leader, the enabling act, which the Virginia Anti-Saloon League has long sought the passage of, probably will be adopted by the incoming legislature, which assembles early in January.

The general assembly as made up of senators and delegates is shown by name and the tabulated list shows 30 avowed votes for the State-wide bill, with eight senators and delegates who will vote for the measure, provided 25 per cent. of the constituents so petition. Against the State-wide bill are 22 members of the general assembly.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 27.—Jim Flynn, of Pueblo, knocked out Toney Kapey in the third round of a scheduled ten-round fight here tonight.

## EDUCATION IN SOUTH.

**Meeting of Society Recently Formed Begins in Atlanta, Ga.**

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—An investigation of Southern educational conditions was actively begun here today with the first annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Education in the South. Sessions will continue through Friday.

Three hundred delegates from 16 Southern States were in attendance. They included some of the most prominent teachers in the country.

The speakers today included E. M. Poteat, president of Furman University, at Greenville, S. C.; President R. H. Crossfield, of Transylvania University; President A. M. Soule, of Georgia Agricultural College, and Chancellor A. A. Kincannon, of Mississippi University.

The society was organized last April at Jacksonville, Fla.

## STRUCK BY TRAIN.

**Ridgeway, N. C., Man Fearfully Broken Up on Seaboard Road.**

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—John Johnson, of Ridgeway, was probably fatally injured as a result of being struck last night by a Seaboard train near Manson.

His collar bone, blade, five ribs and jawbone were fractured, and he is in a semildelirious condition. He is married.

Walter Tedline, colored, riding bareback, struck a city wagon loaded with 3,000 pounds of rock, and both rider and horse were precipitated to the ground. The negro's injuries may prove fatal.

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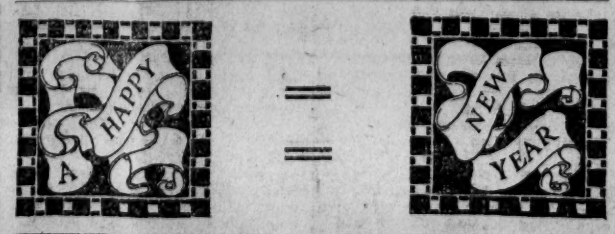


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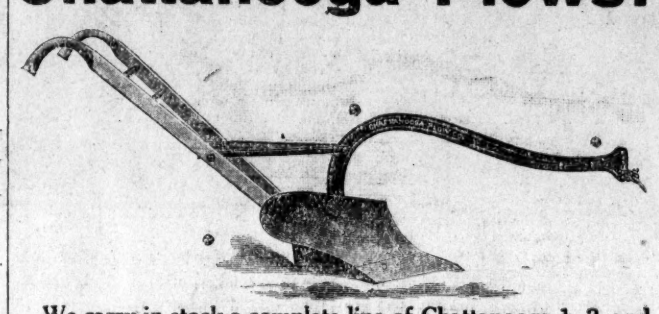

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# NO CLEMENCY FOR SANDLIN

**New Hanover Wife-Murderer Must Meet Death Penalty—State Hospital Physicians Say He Is Sane—Raleigh News**

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—There will be no executive clemency for L. M. Sandlin, the wife-murderer of Wilmington, under sentence to die in the electric chair here Friday. State hospital physicians who made an expert examination of Sandlin as to his sanity this week report today that he is in a perfectly normal mental state. On the strength of this finding by the physicians Gov. Kitchin tonight made a definite statement that he will not interefere with electrocution.

John Johnson, of Ridgeway, Va., is in Rex Hospital here in a desperate condition from injuries sustained in some unknown way on the Seaboard Air Line railroad, near Manson. He was picked up on the track this morning by Train No. 81 and brought to Raleigh. His shoulder and his jaw bone are shattered and five ribs are borken. He has been able as yet to give no indication of how he was hurt. He is a painter and has a wife and children.

For the purpose of attending a meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Transcontinental Railroad Co., E. C. Duncan left today for New York, this company owning the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railroad franchise that has now under prosecution especially the construction of a railroad from Knoxville, Tenn., through the Western Carolina mountains, to Rutherfordton, N. C., and thence southeast with the ultimate purpose of getting into Southport at the mouth of the Cape Fear, and pushing on across Florida for Panama Canal service connections. The directors are to meet in New oYrk this week. Among them are Gen. T. C. DuPont, Wilmington, Del.; V. L. Mason, W. L. Strayton, Harry Content, New York; E. F. Cloran, and A. H. Faust, Mr. Mason being president of the directorate.

Comrade Elijah Streeter, aged 79 years, died today at the Soldiers' Home. He was a member of Company B, Thirty-First regiment, and came to the Home from Anson county in 1899. He was buried in the graveyard at the Home.

News came today of the death of S. W. Terrell, at his home in Rolesville, this county, where he has lived a long and useful live as a prosperous farmer. He was 75 years old, and leaves two sons, George and Logan Terrell, of Raleigh. His wife also survives. The funeral will be at Rolesville tomorrow.

## DEADLY TOY PISTOL.

**Child May Lose Eye at Greensboro. Other News Notes.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 27.—Frank Valentine, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Valentine, was the victim of a toy pistol accident Christmas day and as a result it is feared that the sight of one of the child's eyes will be permanently destroyed, although the attending physician is still hopeful. It seems that the child with a small play-mate had taken the toy pistol to "make a noise" and that the blank cartridge was exploded while close to the child's eye. Mr. and Mrs. Valentine had the misfortune last week to lose their home by fire.

Isaac Hammer, of Kansas, has announced a gift of $30,000 to the endowment fund of Sylvan Academy, in Alamance county, and yesterday a deed to probate was filed with the clerk of the court here. The gift is in the shape of transferring a tract of land in Kansas, which contains 640 acres and valued at $30,000. The only condition attending the gift, which is intended as a memorial to his wife, is that a new building be erected within 13 months by the academy, there being no conditions as to the kind of building. Mr. Hammer was a native of Alamance and started to school at Snow Hill.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in United States Court yesterday by E. Robinson, a merchant of Winston, and in signing the order of adjudication Judge Boyd referred the matter to Maj. J. E. Alexander. The liabilities are placed at $10,000 with assets of about $9,000.

The local Chamber of Commerce has adopted strong resolutions urging Federal aid in the building and improvement of public highways and a committee has been named to place same in the hands of the North Carolina representatives in Congress.

## ENTIRE FAMILY KILLED.

**Man Killed Wife and Six Children, and Then Committed Suicide.**

Benton, Ark., Dec. 27.—Despondent—according to a note found today, James Grant, prosperous farmer and merchant, clubbed his wife, five children and stepson to death at his home near Benton last night, and then hanged himself. Grant's body was found suspended from a rafter in a barn, and those of the woman and children about the farm dwelling, their skulls crushed.

Hugh Grant, a sixteen-year-old son, made the gruesome discovery wehn he returned from a holiday celebration on a neighboring farm.

The note explains that owing to "deep despair and that I see nothing for me or my children, who I believe would be better off in Heaven, I commit this act."

Instructions were given where money might be found to cover burial expenses and a request that Grant's parents not be notified until after the bodies had been buried.

The body of the woman was found in a sitting posture, partly disrobed. Apparently, she was preparing to retire when she was killed. The children, ranging in age from 5 to 13 years, were found in their beds. A heavy oak club covered with blood, was found near the bodies of the children.

New York, Dec. 27.—Carl Morris, the Oklahoma engineer, gained another rung on the Applewhite ladder by decisively outpointing Tom. Kennedy, the New York heavy-weight, in a ten-round bout at the New York Athletic Club tonight.

## SHOOTING OF FLAGMAN

**Killing of Young Funderburk—New Hotel to Open**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Hamlet, N. C., Dec. 27.—Last evening the boarders were standing and sitting around the stove in the Parham boarding house on Bridgers street. Ben Brown, a young railroad conductor, was fingering his pistol. Clyde W. Funderburk, of Hamlet, a flagman on the work train on the C. & K., ballastig train, was seated across the room. The gun was accidentally discharged and Funderburk was shot through the stomach. Drs. Kinsman and Fowlkes performed an operation in a vain attempt to save life. The intestines were punctured in several places and death ensued at 9 o'clock this morning.

County Coroner A. M. Smith empanelled a jury and the verdict was in accord with the facts stated above. The young men were friends and were both perfectly sober and no blame was attached to Brown who seems heartbroken over the result of his carelessness.

Clyde White Funderburk was 23 years old, son of H. W. and Elizabeth Funderburk, of Chesterfield county, S. C.

His mother is dead. The old father is here and will carry his boy to Monroe in the morning from where the body will be borne to old Liberty Hill Baptist church where the interment will occur tomorrow afternoon. A committee from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, consisting of R. I. Belch, Ben Brown and C. H. Hudson will accompany the old father and the corpse.

Young Funderburk had visited the office of Chief Dispatcher C. S. James a half hour before he was shot and requested a pass to go home for a visit today. The deceased is survived by his father and five brothers and four sisters. One sister, Mrs. Laura Funderburk, lives near the old home at Liberty Hill. The funeral will be from her home.

The Terminal Hotel and Cafe will open formally New Years night. Manager Lank has prepared an evening of entertainment. The beautiful hostelery will be thrown open to the inspection of the public in the early evening. Every waiter will be in place, every room will be spotless, the smiling manager will preside. He will be assisted in the receiving line by the handsome president of the corporation, Capt. Charley Schafer. The whole house will be open from the basement to the presidents room under the flag pole.

Painters are now giving the finishing touches to what will be the pride of the town. All modern conveniences will be found here. Water in every room. Two whole floors have private baths in every room. Telephone connection can be made from any room in the hotel to any place on the Bell system map. The house is built of cement and brick throughout and is handsomely finished and furnished.

## ELM CITY EXPLOSION.

**Damage of About $13,000—Hold Railroad Responsible.**

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 27.—The Times this afternoon, in summing up the results of the explosion at Elm City yesterday, says:

"Since the scare is over and the citizens of Elm City can survey the damage accruing from the fire and explosion of dynamite the loss is found to be considerable.

"The loss by the railroad company of freight inside the depot and the building is at least $7,000. The road also had some 50 bales of cotton in charge, which is worth around $40 per bale. Much of this was destroyed.

"The citizens lost heavily and the damage to buildings, broken glass show cases and even goods that were turned topsy turvy by the force of the explosion is considerable and will amount to a thousand dollars or more to say nothing of the injury to the buildings, many of them are believed to have their walls cracked.

"Some idea of the force of the explosion may be gained when several rolls of bagging were blown against the fence of Mr. J. D. Dawes, 150 yards away and broke down his wall. Another roll was blown against the roof of the Episcopal church quite a distance away and tore up a part of this.

"The dynamite that caused the damage was in four cases, containing 50 pounds each and was consigned to Mr. R. S. Wells. It was low grade dynamite for breaking land.

"Mr. Wells gave an order to the powder company that made a demonstration in stump blasting near Elm City the 30th of November, but he was not apprised of its shipment and did not know of its presence in the depot. He was informed yesterday by Mr. Harrelson, the Coast Line agent of its arrival on Saturday before Christmas and considerable criticism is directed against those in charge of the depot for not warning the people of the presence of the dynamite as soon as the fire broke out. It's a wonder that a number of those working at the fire were not killed."

## DURHAM TO RALEIGH.

**Bull City Aviator to Pull Off Cross-Country Stunt.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 27.—Mr. J. N. Umstead, Jr., who is here from his recent aviation adventures, is planning for a Spring event at which time he expects to fly his machine from Durham to Raleigh.

The last appearance of Mr. Umstead was at Tuscaloosa, Ala., last week. His new man, a nervy Frenchman, gave a good flight and shows practice and skill in his every movement.

The Frenchman plans for two flights, one from Durham to Raleigh, and the other from Raleigh to Durham, this being cheaper than boxing the machine up and sending it back by freight. Mr. Umstead will leave again in February and make several flights before making the one here.

Mr. Umstead has never given up the idea of starting a large factory in Durham to manufacture and sell aeroplanes, and at this time the prospects of the factory are brighter than ever.

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## TO FRIGHTEN HIS RIVAL

**Stick of Dynamite Blew Hole in Floor of Residence**

Franklinton, Dec. ...—On Saturday night about 10 o'clock an explosion was heard that surpassed any thing that had previously occurred during the evening. Chief of Police Cooke was on the watch and saw the man and arrested him pretty soon afterwards.

It appears that some young man was visiting the home of Mr. H. G. Wood and was in the sitting room with Mr. Wood's daughter.

To scare off the admirer, it is suggested, his rival placed a stick of dynamite under the corner of the house, which when ignited tore the end of the house up pretty badly, blowing a hole through the floor that a man could go through. It also blew out all the glass in the windows, tore the pillars from under the house and scared Mr. Wood's family very badly.

The man arrested was Alex. Kearney, who has given the town authorities trouble before. Mayor C. W. Conway heard the case and in default of $500 bond Kearney was committed to jail.

It developed later that Mr. Wood had been a witness in a case against Kearney some time ago and it is now suggested that the explosion of the dynamite was more in a spirit of revenge than for the purpose of frightening a supposed rival for a young lady's hand.

## DEFIES CHAMPION.

**English Light-Weight Fighter Says He Will Fight Wolgast.**

New York, Dec. 27.—Owen Moran, the English fighter, arrived from England on the Olympic tonight, sounding defiance to everybody in the light-weight discussion of pugilism.

"I have come here to make a match with Ad. Wolgast," said Moran, "and I hope to defeat him or any others who regard themselves as champions. To prove that I am capable, I will take on other men in Wolgast's class and deal with them first, giving away weight to some of them and fighting any man at 133 pounds."

## ENGINEER KILLED.

**Fireman Seriously Injured—Passenger Trains on L. & N. Collide.**

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Engineer E. R. Heinig, of Etowah, Tenn., met instant death and his fireman, Thomas W. Vaughan, of Williamsburg, Ky., was seriously injured when two passenger trains of the Louisville & Nashville road collided head-on at Savoy, Ky., 85 miles north of Knoxville, this afternoon. One train had just entered a siding when the other came in view and before the switch could be thrown dashed into the standing train. None of the passengers were seriously hurt.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 27.—A committee representing telegraph operators employed by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway held a conference here today with Gneral Manager Grice in regard to a request for a salary increase of 15 per cent. No agreement was reached, but the negotiations are friendly and another conference will be held tomorrow.

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| Lv. Petersburg | 11:00 a m | 10:40 p m |
| Lv. Durham | 7:00 a m | 5:30 p m |
| Lv. Lynchburg | 2:40 a m | 6:25 p m |
| Ar. Cincinnati | 7:20 a m | 6:25 p m |
| Ar. Columbus | 6:45 a m | 6:55 p m |
| Ar. Chicago | 5:00 p m | 7:30 a m |
| Ar. St. Louis | 6:33 p m | 8:30 a m |

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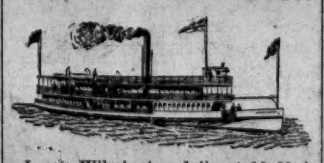

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## ATLANTIC COAST LINE

**Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective October 16, 1911. Time Not Guaranteed.**

| DEPARTURES | TO AND FROM | ARRIVALS |
|---|---|---|
| No. 90, ! 3:40 A. M. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:35 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.) | No. 91, a 1:00 A. M. |
| No. 51, * 5:45 A. M. | Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. **Pullman Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.** | No. 50, *11:40 P. M. |
| No. 64, ! 5:50 A. M. | Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations. | No. 65, ! 6:50 P. M. |
| No. 48, * 8:40 A. M. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.** | No. 49, * 6:15 P. M. |
| No. 53, * 8:45 A. M. | Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford. | No. 52, * 8:05 P. M. |
| No. 55, * 3:15 P. M. | Chadbourn, Conway (!) Florence, Charleston, Savannah, **All Florida Points,** Columbia, Asheville and the West. **Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.** | No. 54, 1:40 P. M. |
| No. 62, * 3:25 P. M. | Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations. | No. 63, *12:50 P. M. |
| No. 59, ! 6:30 P. M. | Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations. | No. 60, !10:15 A. M. |
| No. 42, * 7:00 P.M. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. **Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.** | No. 41, * 9:45 A. M. |
| No. 57, ! 7:30 P. M. | Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations. | No. 58, ! 8:30 A. M. |

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## SUBURBAN SCHEDULE.

**IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1911.**

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

| EAST BOUND. | | | WEST BOUND. | | |
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| Leave Wilmington for Winter Park | Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville | Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville Beach | Leave Winter Park for Wilmington | Leave Wrightsville for for Wilmington | Leave Wrightsville Beach for Wilmington |
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**SPECIAL FOR SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.**

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Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 until 5:45 P. M.

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No. 45—5:00 A. M.—For Hamlet, and intermediate points, to Charlotte, connects at Hamlet with No. 66, for Raleigh and points North.

No. 39—3:25 P. M.—For Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with through trains for Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Norfolk, New York, and trains in all directions. Arrive Hamlet 7:40 P. M.; leave Hamlet, 8:00 P. M.; arrive Charlotte, 10:50 P. M.

**Trains Arrive at Wilmington:**

No. 40—12:30 P. M.—From Charlotte.

No. 44—12:10 A. M.—From Charlotte and intermediate points.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 65, for all points North; at Monroe, with No. 53, for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41, for Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis; No. 84, for Washington and New York; No. 32, for Portsmouth, Norfolk, and No. 43, for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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Thursday, December 28, 1911.

First thing you know Colonel Roosevelt will get so provoked he will run anyhow.

The man who wants Christmas to last more than one day doesn't know when he has enough.

A great many people did their Christmas shopping early but they have hung to what they bought.

Everybody wants the currency reformed, but they also want some of the reformers of the currency reformed.

Women probably look on the bright side of everything from force of habit. They start in every morning by looking on the bright side of a mirrow.

The horrible massacre of Persians at Tabriz a few days ago shows that Russia did not get enough when the Japanese gave her the thrashing of her life.

It is announced that "Senator La Follette will take the stump in Ohio." When a man takes the stump it is a sign that he is after taking something else.

Some of the New York papers are discussing Col. Roosevelt as "a peril." Of course, he's "a peril!" He is the bogey man of 1912. He is now the only surviving political ku-klux.

An Austrian officer claims $25,000 from a handsome woman who jilted him, but says he would sacrifice it all just to have a talk with her. There is one mutt who doesnt seem to know that talk is cheap.

President Taft recently expressed great admiration for Lincoln and said "President Lincoln had the most judicial temperament of any man who ever lived." Why should Taft keep on trying to underrate Teddy?

The Baltimore Sun's Bentztown bird sings of "the golden ports of the silver sea." Probably, Woodrow Wilson could be convinced that those golden ports are the gateways of "The Beautiful Isle of Somewnere."

Postmaster General Hitchcock boasts of saving money by sending magazine mail matter by freight. The magazines will print his picture to show that nothing more could be expected of a man with a face like his.

Dr. Mary Walker is making war on the collar button and declares that it is running men insane. Men must admit that the collar button needs reform. In the first place, all collar buttons are so mean and devilish they invariably go under the bureau when a fat man drops them on the floor. In the second place, some collar buttons will quit their job without notice so a man's collar can ride up on his neck right in the midst of a sermon, or else will get cranky and gouge a man in the nape of the neck till he uses language that would invoke rebuke from Fighting Bob Evans.

Having all along been a loyal and persistent advocate of Baltimore as the Democracy's Presidential convention city the coming year, The Star is more than ever satisfied that Baltimore is the place. This from the Baltimore Sun clinches the argument: "The New York Sun and all otners interested are informed that Baltimore has one of the largest fireproof convention halls in the United States, a building that will accommodate 20,000 persons." That's exactly the kind of convention hall we've been hoping for. It will never do for red hot Democrats to get together in any convention hall that is not fireproof.

## WILL MAN EXTERMINATE HIMSELF?

Man's desire to kill something with his gun is exterminating game of all kinds and especially the birds once so plentiful in this country. In the extermination of birds there are three elements at work—the plumage hunters, the pot-pie hunters, and the boy hunters. Between the three, and doubtless there are more, the boy hunter is the most destructive. A boy will shoot anything that flies, whether it is fit for plumes, a pot-pie or not. However, the extermination of birds has grown to such an alarming extent, and insects consequently have increased so enormously, that statisticians are warning us that it will not be many years before man will exterminate himself by starvation, if birds continue to be destroyed by those in quest of plumage and bird dinners.

The Audubon Societies are constantly pointing out the menace which is already on us because of the extermination of birds. In the Carolinas the pine beetle threatens to exterminate the short-leaf pine, and the destruction is so serious that government experts are now in the Piedmont country endeavoring to stay the ruin of the forests. Another insect years ago destroyed most of the chestnut trees in the Carolinas, and the destruction in that particular is now going on as far north as Pennsylvania. In whole counties of North Carolina where chestnut trees grew by the thousands 20 years ago, such a tree is now a curiosity. How long will it be before the pine will as surely disappear?

The cotton boll wevil has never been stayed in its progress from the Southwest, and only two States lie between that pest and North Carolina. These intervening States are South Carolina and Georgia, for the weevil has made steady progress in Alabama, coming this way. With the bird family growing scarcer every year, and the insect family becoming greater and more voracious, our orchardists are now having more trouble with their fruit trees than ever. The market gardener has all he can do to fight insects and the farmer hardly has a crop that escapes some sort of insect destruction. During the past season the cotton caterpillar, army worm and red spider have been more numerous than ever. With droughts and insects to contend with, how long will it be before we will have a cropless country?

The thought of it is alarming, but this is not raised as a false alarm, for the possibility is a serious one to face. It is so near realization that the government and the Audubon Societies are doing all they can to save the birds and the farmers. The farmers have to help themselves by co-operating with them in the movement. They can protect the birds on their farms and encourage their propagation. Mr. Henry W. Henshaw, recently indicated to the farmers how they can aid in restoring bird life. He says:

"This can be effected in four ways: (1) By providing artificial nesting sites for the species that nest in hollow trees or in the cornices and cavities of buildings. (2) By planting thickets of berry-bearing trees and shrubs along the roads or in waste places on the farm. (3) By carefully protecting the birds already occupying the premises. (4) By supplying water for birds. Though at first thought it may seem a small matter, a supply of water for drinking and bathing purposes is of great importance to birds because they must bathe and drink just like human beings."

The Audubon Societies are hard at work saving the birds on our seashore. They are establishing havens for water fowl, and attempting to restore many species now almost extinct. Millions of water fowl used to inhabit all the ocean country, but now they are few. Aid should be given this movement by all communities. All over North Carolina the partridge is growing scarcer every season, and there isn't a man, woman or child that cannot do something to prevent its extermination. Concerning this valuable bird the Jacksonville Times-Union says:

"The quail is as useful a bird as any that frequents the fields and woods. Its domestication is said to be an easy matter. There is no reason why it should not be a denizen of every farmer's chicken yard. Though its eggs are not as valuable, perhaps, as those of our domesticated fowls, its flesh is in great repute. It would seem, in fact, that there could hardly be too many of it.

"If farmers would recognize the full value to them of our bird population and combine in associations for the protection of their feathered friends soon many a now silent copse and nearly deserted wood would ring again with the warblings of the gay little songsters and Bob White's cheerful whistle would be heard in every field. Crops and forests would be saved. Less cost would attend the raising of fruits and vegetables."

## CHEAPER BEEF—EH?

The action of the British government authorities in canceling contracts with the American meat trust for army supplies, has caused many American newspapers to note that one result of it might be some relief for the meat consumers of this country. It must not be overlooked that orders were not exactly cancelled but that the British government served notice that pending the result of the criminal proceedings of the United States against the American packers none of the firms involved will be invited to tender bids for supplies for the British army.

That is bad enough in its way, but it must not be overlooked that the packers might find a way to get bids in some other way, or before the year is out. Mr. Armour, in speaking of the seriousness of this boycott on the part of the British army authorities, says the contracts of the indicted packers have amounted to between $15,000,000 and $20,000,000 annually, and Mr. Alfred R. Martin, attorney for Armour & Co., declares that the action of Great Britain cuts off our largest market for canned meats. Mr. Martin says the loss in pounds seems greater, for every pound of canned meat represents two pounds of fresh meat. In that event, if Great Britain does not come into the American market for canned meats there ought to be for American consumers two pounds of fresh meat for every pound of canned meat supplied to Great Britain's army. Speaking of that possibility the New Orleans States observes:

"It is logical to suppose that the millions of pounds of canned meat formerly used by the British army will now be placed on the home market at a material reduction in price, but we agree with the Charleston News and Courier that the American people are not likely to be the beneficiaries of such a situation. The packers will find some way to prevent the closing of the British from affecting the high prices in the home market even if it be necessary to keep the canned meat in cold storage until it spoils or to dump it overboard in mid-ocean."

As a matter of fact, consumers in the United States need not expect much of a reduction in the price of beef, even if we should have left at home $15,000,000 to $20,000,000 of beef a year. If the beef packers would even give that much away to every man, woman and child in the United States they would each receive only about 15 to 20 cents worth of beef during the year.

The relief which we must get from high meat prices must come to us by raising our own supplies at home. The higher the price the more we could save by producing our own cattle and hogs. That is a plain proposition. The high price of meat ought to encourage us to go into the business on a large scale.

## THE NATIONAL CRIME.

While Teddy is still trying to shift the blame to Bliss and Harriman, his dead allies of 1904, why does he not also denounce as a crime the subscription of huge corruption funds to debauch the voters of George Washington's Republic? There is more in putting a stop to such infamous politics than there is in shifting the blame.

The McNamaras dynamited a building and destroyed more than a score of lives, but the corruption methods of the Republican party during the Roosevelt and other Presidential campaigns tend to destroy the character of citizenship and sap the foundations of the Republic. There never was a time when the public men of this country were so utterly mistrusted and it is because some of them have lowered the standards of manhood and civic morality. They have not appealed to the patriotism of the voters but have bought and paid for them like they would sheep. Nothing better would be expected of politicians and parties which do that than that they would use the government of the country to enrich themselves and levy tribute on the people to make millionaires of some and paupers of others.

The recent Sheldon-Roosevelt letters have served again to magnify the enormity of the crime of political corruption. It is a crime against the Nation and all parties and all men should aid in stamping it out. The press all over the country is hammering at it again, and the pulpit and the stump should join in the crusade. The methods of some politicians in this country are worse than treason. Conspirators are despised and spotted. Corruption is insidious and tolerated when it is more dangerous than the ordinary plots of men who come out in the open to fight for a cause.

The articles most in demand all over the world are something to eat and something to wear. Breadstuffs lead in commercial importance and next come fibre stuffs, cotton, wool, silk, etc. Most all foodstuffs and fibre stuffs can be produced in the South.

A New York woman bought a quart of oysters and her husband discovered seven beautiful pearls in the lot. Of course, her husband's money paid for the oysters, but she claimed the pearls because she had all the luck in making the purchase. There was no row about it. The man's wife generously gave him most of the oysters and the arrangement was perfectly satisfactory to him. In fact, a man is always perfectly willing to do the eating and if he is well fed his wife can have the earth if she wants it.

Mount McKinley in the Alaskan mountains, is 20,400 feet high. Dr. Frederick A. Cook claims to have climbed it but Dr. Cook and Baron Munchausen are not given credit for having any Sunday School training. Now, Prof. Herechel C. Parker, of Columbia University, will leave January 10th, to make his third attempt to scale Mount McKinleys crest. Despite the earnest pleadings of his wife, the Professor refuses to take her on the trip. Well, of course, it is wiser not to take along anybody who might tell a different story on the return.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

That was a stinging one Colonel Henry Watterson handed Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in St. Louis the other day. The Kentuckian described the ex-President as one who contemplated 'the Diazification of the presidency and the Mexicanization of the republic."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Sir Ernest Shackleton in his mind's eye sees the explorers Scott and Amundson eating their Christmas dinners at the South Pole in a biting wind and with the temperature 40 degrees below zero. If the picture proves authentic, Christmas Day 1911, will go down in history as the date of the crowning feat of Anarctic exploration. Shackleton himself and three companions celegrated Christmas 1908, almost within sight of the South Pole, dining on a plum-pudding saved with scrupulous sentiment from their jettisoned supplies. That either the British or the Norwegian explorer has now traversed the remaining hundred-odd miles from Shackleton's furtherest south is entirely possible. Shackleton on scaling an 8,500-foot glacier near the end of his journey found himself on a plateau which apparently extended to the pole. Had he had fifty pounds more of food on his expedition it is likely tha. the discovery of the South Pole would today be an old story.—New York World.

Senator Smoot's detailed statement of his views on the report of the tarin board, following as it does a similar statement from Senator Penrose, indicates the general acceptance by the Republican leaders of the data prepared by that body. The Republicans plainly state that they are prepared to proceed with a revision of the wood schedule downward to meet the exact line of protection indicated by the figures of the tariff board. Thus the question of protection will be put squarely up to the Democrats. The challenge will be clear and well-defined. It will be for the Democrats to say whether they will meet it with a fight for a tariff for revene only. There is but one way in which the Democrats and Republicans can split apart if the two parties recognize, either openly or covertly, that protection is needed, and that will be through a charge by the Democrats that the tariff board figures are inaccurate.—Washington Past.

Announcement is made that the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, which was recently attacked in the Federal courts, has voluntarily dissolved itself after having been notified that it was operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Following this announcement comes the decision of the Plumbers' Trust to go out of business, abandon its price schedules and co-operative efforts. The National Lamp Company has also decided to remove all trade restrictions it devised and allow dealers to buy non-patented goods in the open market instead of forcing them to buy non-patented goods from the trust, under penalty of being refused the privilege of purchasing the patented article. The National City Bank of New York City has sold its stock in other banks, and several big corporations are planning to seek safe ground and avoid prosecutions under the provisions of the anti-trust act. These instances show that the Sherman law is not what some people imagined it to be—a piece of farcical legislation passed for the purpose of evading the real evils of industrial combination. Recent developments show that the law has teeth in it and must be taken seriously, hence its enforcement is all that is necessary to make it a potent agency in correcting trust abuses.—New Orleans States.

In its article on the choice of the city in which the Democratic convention is held the New York Sun expresses the opinion that "the selection of Baltimore would probably indicate that a ticket made up of Gov. Judson Harmon, of Ohio, for President and Representative Oscar W Underwood, of Alabama, for Vice President, was most favored by a majority of the national committee." This is entirely erroneous. Both Governor Harmon and Mr. Underwood have strong friends here, but Woodrow Wilson and Champ Clark have hosts of supporters. Baltimore is neutral ground, and here the delegates can make up their minds with no fear of local influence. Furthermore, the New York Sun and all others interested are informed that Baltimore has one of the largest fireproof convention halls in the United States, a building that will accommodate 20,000 persons. It has plenty of hotel room to accommodate the 1,070 delegates, the 1,070 alternates and all their friends, supporters and all the strangers that will come. Washington is just 45 minutes away, with 120 regular trains plying between the two cities daily, and in our neighbor town is enough hotel room to accommodate another national convention. Have no fear. All who come will get accommodations here, and every candidate will be given a square deal.—Baltimore Sun.

## WOMEN OF CONFEDERACY.

### Comrade L. Leon Recalls Incident of War at Point Lookout.

Editor Star:—I saw in your valuable paper of December 26th, an article from the Baltimore Sun of December 25th from Major Weymoth, headed "Woman in a Battery." This reminded me of my sojourn at Point Lookout when Maj. Weymoth was in command there and I remember him very well; also the woman in a battery. This is a copy of my diary in regard to her: "June 8th, 1864, six hundred prisoners came today with them a lady who is an artillery sergeant. Being questioned by the Provost Marshal, she told him she could straddle a horse, jump a fence and kill a Yankee as well as any rebel." Now, of course, I did not hear the questions asked nor the answers, but those were the words we heard she used. I did see her and from her appearance then, she certainly looked like she could do as said above.

Yours truly, L. LEON.
A Confederate Veteran.

## ASSAULT IN DURHAM.

### Two Negroes in Jail for Capital Offense—Other News Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 27.—Two negroes are in jail here this morning awaiting trial on the charge of capital crime. The two men, Son Watson and Joe Harris, are alleged to have committed criminal assault upon Mary Briggs, also colored, on Christmas Day.

Tuesday evening a large number of negroes had gathered together to have a big Christmas dance, with Son Watson and Joe Harris as special guests. During the process of the dance four of the city's officers made their way through rivers of mud to the dancing hall, and upon seeing the men wanted made a raid, catching the unlucky Son Watson in the act of playing a "get-tarph." Joe Harris made a dash and hit the ground only in the high places being caught later at the home of his father, in bed.

The story of the girl brings out all of the brutal features of criminal assault, and would not be allowed to be printed in the papers. The prisoners were put in jail without bail to await trial before 'Squire R. A. Harris, or Judge R. H. Sykes this morning.

The officers have been working up evidence for the case and shows the girl up to have a very good name, where the men have very bad records.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—The Twentieth Century Limited on the Big Four was derailed at LaGrange, about 35 miles west of here, tonight, and fifteen passengers were injured, none seriously. The smoking car, which rolled over in the ditch, was the only car to leave the rails. The passengers in this car were the only ones injured.

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# TICKETS ON SALE TODAY

**Popular Prices Will Prevail at Big Aviation Meet New Year's Day. Aviator Brookins Will Arrive Saturday.**

Tickets for the aviation meet which will be held at Highwood Park on New Year's Day, will be on sale today at The Orton Hotel, Baxter's Cigar Store and Green's drug store. With the reduction in price to 50 cents admission the tickets this time will be in the form of tags so that everybody going to the aviation meet may wear them in their coat lapel. The sale will start off with a rush today and Mr. Frank Herbst, who is managing the meet, expects to see nearly all of 5,000 tags sold before the meet opens. The advance sale is also intended to prevent delay at the gates at the opening.

Much favorable comment has been heard in Wilmington because of the reduction in prices that are being charged for the coming meet. Moreover, the added attraction of automomile. motor cycle races will also be an innovation and will help to make New Year's Day one of outdoor sports such as is held in most large cities. There is no more appropriate way in which people can enjoy a holiday than to be out in the open and watch an exciting contest between skilled automobile and motorcycle drivers.

The winner of the automobile race will most likely have to accept a challenge to race in his automobile against Walter Brookins, the aviator, in his Burgess-Wright aeroplane. This event will also create quite a sensation. Although the Wright machine is not as fast as the average automobile, if the wind is favorable it is more than likely that Mr. Brookins will give the automobilist a pretty stiff run around the course. There have been very few races between automobiles and aeroplanes, but those that have been held have proved most thrilling.

Arrangements are also being made for the accommodations of those in nearby towns who want to attend the aviation meet. Besides the holiday rates which will still prevail on the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line, a special train is being arranged for to run between Southport and Wilmington over the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern. This will give hundreds of people in Southport and intermediate points the facility of coming to see the flights by way of the new railroad.

Mr. Walter Brookins, it is expected, will arrive here some time during Saturday. He has written to several people in Wilmington expressing the pleasure that he anticipates from his visit to this city. He has heard that several aeroplanes are being built here by prominent Wilmington men. This fact has also made him very curious to inspect the machines that are being built in the South. In one of his letters he mentioned that he does not know of any other city in this section of the country where three aeroplanes are being built and has made a special request to be permitted to thoroughly examine the aeroplanes that are being built by Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneur, David Palmgren and Frank Herbst. Mr. Palmgren, it is widely known, has built a unique machine on principles that are quite different from the standard type of aeroplane used throughout the world today. The workmanship on this machine is also recognized as a mark of great skill.

## MASONS TO BURGAW.

**Members of St. John's Lodge to Assist in Degree Work There.**

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., has been invited to assist King Solomon's Lodge, No. 138, at Burgaw, tomorrow in conferring the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and quite a number of members of the lodge will go to Burgaw on the 8:40 train tomorrow and return on the evening train. The following officers and members of the lodge have signified their intention of going to Burgaw and other names are expected to be handed to Secretary A. S. Holden today:

Mr. B. A. Merritt, worshipful master; Mr. S. R. Keyes, acting senior warden; Dr. John C. Wessell, junior warden; Mr. S. T. Highsmith, treasurer; Mr. A. S. Holden, secretary; Mr. C. B. Newcomb, senior deacon; Messrs. A. L. and W. R. Dosher, W. A. McGirt and W. B. Muse, composing St. John's quartette; Messrs. Wm. K. Allen, J. L. Becton, C. R. Humphreys, L. A. Scott, Paul B. Bell, A. W. Sidbury, Claude Murray, Wm. Struthers, Jr. W. H. Stansell, W. P. McGlaughon, John S. McEachern, past master; E. L. Heinsberger, J. W. Freeman, Capt. E. A. Metts and Dr. Chas. H. Gardner.

## A BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR

**Mr. H. L. Vollers, the Wholesale Grocer, Mindful of The Season**

The ideal New Year calendar is generally conceded to be that with a minimum of advertising upon its face, an absence of gorgeousness, a degree of taste and a simple elegance that at once gives it distinction and creates a favorable impression upon the recipient. Mr. H. L. Vollers, the Wilmington wholesale grocer, seems this year without a doubt to have reached the acme of perfection in his New Year greeting to the trade. It is handsomely done and enclosed with glass with a neat brass chain for suspension. It is a most attractive wall ornament either for the office, the "den" or the sitting room.

**Saved His Wife's Life.**

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

**"Gee Whiz" and "Showing Uncle."**

Two big comedy photoplay offerings on a single reel at The Grand Theatre today. **

# REDUCTION IN PRICE OF GAS

**Tidewater Power Company Makes Cut in Illuminating Gas Effective January 1st—Result of Improvements**

Announcement was made yesterday by the Tidewater Power Company that on and after January 1st, 1912, the rate for gas for illuminating purposes will be reduced from $1.65 per thousand feet, gross, to $1.45 per thousand feet, less a discount of 20 cents per thousand feet for payment on or before the 10th of each month. This will make the net rate for illuminating gas $1.25 per thousand feet, or the same as the present rate for fuel gas.

The change means a reduction of 16 2-3 per cent. in the price for illuminating gas, and is in line with the company' policy of always making its rates as low as is consistent with good service and a fair return on the investment. In connection with the announcement of the reduction in price of illuminating gas it might be stated that the company is in better position than ever before to give excellent service. As has already been stated in The Star extensive additions and improvements have been recently made to the gas plant, which not only greatly increases the capacity of the plant, but by reason of improved apparatus installed, also make it possible to furnish a better gas of higher candlepower. These additions increase the manufacturing capacity of the plant six times over its former capacity.

The improvements consist of new gas manufacturing apparatus, using oil instead of coal as a generative source, known as the Lowe system of Carburetted Water Gas. This apparatus was installed by the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia, the largest concern of its kind in the world. An oil tank of 50,000 gallons capacity, and an additional gasometer, or storage holder, of 120,000 cubic feet capacity have been erected by the Bartlette-Hayward Company, of Baltimore. These improvements represent the very latest in gas engineering, and are the best that could be procured.

During the past few months extensive additions to the gas mains have been made and additional mains will continue to be laid from time to time. Larger mains are being put in on nearly all the streets that are being paved. All of these improvements are made necessary by increased use of gas in Wilmington. During the last 12 months several carloads of gas ranges, and a considerable number of water heaters and other appliances have been installed by the company which taxed the old system to its utmost capacity.

## KENTUCKY HORSE AND MULE CO.

**Has Been Formed and Takes Over Business of Mr. F. T. Mills**

The Kentucky Horse and Mule Company, which will take over the large and ever-increasing business of Mr. F. T. Mills, the well-known dealer in horses and mules, was organized yesterday by the election of the following officers: President, A. H. Jewell, of Lexington, Ky.; secretary and treasurer, Ward Lutes, of Lexington, Ky.; manager and salesman, Mr. F. T. Mills.

Mr. Jewell has been associated with Mr. Mills in the business for the past year and recently the business has grown to such proportions that it was decided to form a company and to take in a third person, Mr. Lutes, who has wide experience in the business. Mr. Jewell has stables at Atlanta, Cincinnati and Lexington and the horses and mules which are placed on the market here are bought direct from the persons who raise them, thus insuring better animals as well as saving the middleman's profits.

The company has about 75 horses and 50 mules at the stables on Second street, between Princess and Chesnut streets, and will keep about this number on hand all the time. There will be two auction sales each month the year round the stables will be open for the wholesale and retail of the horses and mules. The first auction sale will be held about 12th or 15th of January, the exact date to be announced later.

## SEARCHED FOR DERELICT.

**The Itasca Unable to Locate Abandoned Schooner on Carolina Coast.**

After a fruitless search of 12 days for an abandoned schooner reported off the North Carolina coast, the revenue cutter Itasca, Capt. John G. Berry, commanding, returned to port this week for a short stay to receive supplies.

The Itasca, which, it will be recalled, takes the place of the Seminole, recently taken to Baltimore, where it will remain for some time, will cruise the district this Winter and the search for the derelict was her first trip this season. The abandoned vessel was reported to be painted green and was floating about at sea, a dangerous obstruction to navigation. It has probably passed out of the Itasca's cruising district by this time. The same staff of officers that manned the Seminole remain on the Itasca, which for many years was used as a training ship and is built for long voyages. She is considerably larger than the Seminole and is attracting much interest since he recent arrival in port.

**Suit Case Missing.**

The loss of a suitcase containing several valuable articles has been reported to the police by Mr. R. L. Parker, No. 209 Chesnut street, who believes it was stolen from him while he was in the Coast Line restaurant, on North Front street, last Sunday morning. Mr. Parker was at that time on the way to the train and stopped in for lunch. When he started to leave he was amazed to find that the suitcase had been taken. He stated that two white men were in the restaurant at the time and there was no other suit case but his in sight and for that reason believes it was taken with felonious intent.

**Malaria Makes Pale Sickly Children.**

The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria and builds up the system. For grown people and children. 50c.

## RESENTED THE LIE.

**Lawyer Brooks Dealt Mr. J. D. Sidbury Gentle Blow Yesterday.**

Some little excitement was created on Princess street, near Justice Bornemann's office, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, when R. F. Brooks, Esq., struck Mr. J. D. Sidbury, of East Wilmington, a blow that sent him sprawling on the pavement. Mr. Brooks walked into Justice Harriss' office and said that he desired to submit to simple assault. He was placed under arrest by Deputy Sheriff A. L. Kelly and recognized for appearance at trial today. He said that Mr. Sidbury called him a lie about a matter in dispute and that is the reason he struck him.

Mr. Sidbury was arrested Tuesday afternoon on a warrant from Justice Harriss' court charging him with false pretense. The affidavit upon which the warrant was issued was made by Mr. Brooks. It is said that the amount involved is $25, which Mr. Brooks alleges is due him as a fee for appearing for Mr. Sidbury in a court case some time ago. Mr. Sidbury is represented by Brooke G. Empie, Esq., and as he is to be out of the city for several days the hearing may be postponed until next Monday.

## CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR.

**Salvation Army Making Big Plans for New Year's Day.**

It will be an eventful Christmas for the poor children of the city, who attend the big Yuletide event being planned by the Salvation Army for 3 o'clock on New Year's Day. In addition to giving away presents to the children at the celebration, an interesting programme of exercises has been arranged and a dinner will be tendered those present as the closing feature of the day. The poor of the city are extended a special invitation, the celebration being arranged especially for them.

The programme to be given will consist of tableaux and several unique drills as well as other interesting features. Adjutant Mataxas and other members of the local post are making efforts to provide the biggest Christmas ever given the poor in this city.

Christmas toys and other presents from merchants, which were left over after the regular Christmas sales, will be gratefully received at the Salvation Army headquarters.

## INTRUDER PROBABLY SHOT.

**Negro Who Entered House Yesterday May Have Been Wounded.**

The only robbery or house-breaking reported to the police in several days, occurred yesterday morning between 7 and 8 o'clock, when a negro entered the home of Annie Jones, of the underworld, at 12th and Chesnut streets. The negro was observed by a man in the house who does not care to have his name published and he started in pursuit with pistol in hand. He fired at the negro first as he leaped from a window to the ground. A second shot quickly followed and it is said that the negro threw his right hand over his left arm in a way that caused those who saw him to believe that the second bullet took effect. The matter was reported to the police yesterday morning, but the name of the man who, it now appears, was a pretty good marksman, was not given to the officers.

## COLD WAVE IS HERE.

**Decided Drop in Temperature Last Night, Accompanied by Wind.**

Following in the wake of the Western disturbance, which was central at Chicago Tuesday night, the cold wave which has been flirting with the country for the past week or more, arrived on time last night, accompanied by a high wind. There was a marked fall in the temperature during the night and by this morning, the reading is likely to be at or below freezing. At 8 o'clock last night it was snowing in Asheville, but elsewhere the weather map generally indicated fair and much colder weather. This morning, if indications count for anything, the weather promises to be quite cold in Wilmington and vicinity.

## SCHOONER AT SOUTHPORT.

**Schooner Esther Ann Has Rudder Head Sprung.**

Schooner Esther Ann, Capt. A. F. Green, from Apalachicola about December 15th, for Boston, Mass., with a cargo of lumber, is reported arrived at Southport with rudder head sprung. Repairs will be made and the schooner will proceed on its voyage.

**Held Pending Investigation.**

Richard and Oscar Suggs, negro youths, both probably under 15 years old, who were arrested Tuesday night by Constable Savage on a warrant charging them with the larceny of some articles from the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, are in jail in default of bond pending hearing before Justice Harriss. The theft of the articles is supposed to have been committed about a month ago. Articles found in the possession of the boys and believed to have been stolen have not yet been identified. Mr. Edgar L. Hinton, manager of the Seashore Hotel, is not positive that the articles were stolen from his place. One or two cottages on the beach were broken into a few weeks ago and the owners will go down there and see if any of the articles stolen resemble those found in possession of the boys.

**Remove Cobble Stones.**

In response to numerous complaints from the public as to the unsightly cobble stones piled in the rear of the postoffice since the recent extensive improvements to the building were completed, Postmaster Wallace last night authorized the statement that unless the purchaser of these cobbles remove the same within 24 hours, they will be offered to the public free of charge for removal. As the stones are quite valuable, the purchaser at the recent sale, upon this notice, will likely get busy and get them to a place of safety.

**An Approaching Marriage**

Invitations reading as follows have been issued: "Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kaminsky request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Lena, to Mr. Joseph Abelovitz, on Tuesday afternoon, the ninth of January, nineteen hundred and twelve, at five-thirty o'clock, at their residence, No. 22 South Second street, Wilmington, N. C." Enclosed are cards reading as follows: "At home after February 4th, 1912, 313 North Fifth street."

# ANOTHER LONG SESSION

**Trial of Several Contested Cases in Recorder's Court Yesterday—Negro Given Six Months for Selling Cocaine.**

The Recorder held another long session of his court yesterday, being a little longer than the session Tuesday, but nothing like the number of defendants faced His Honor, the time being taken up with the trial of a few contested cases.

The trial of the case against S. W. King, white, and Mitchell Davis, colored, charged with nuisance, consumed more time than any other case heard yesterday. King conducts a place on the Northwest corner of Second and Dawson streets and the charge of nuisance against King and his negro porter came as a result of complaint of loud and boisterous conduct, fighting, gambling, etc., which is said to have distinguished the place. The warrant was issued by Chief of Police Fowler. The Recorder found both defendants guilty and fined King $50 and costs and Davis $25 and costs. Notice of appeal was given and bond was fixed at $100 each. Davis was also convicted of a charge of resisting an officer, but the Recorder announced that he would suspend judgment upon payment of the costs. The defendant gave notice of an appeal in this case also, bond being fixed at $50. Woodus Kellum and Walter P. Gafford, Esqs., appeared for the defendants.

In a case against Celie Allen, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs. Sergeant Larkins, colored, charged with resisting arrest, was required to pay the costs. The negro was painfully wounded in the head by being struck with a "black jack" in the hands of Detective S. L. Branch, and this fact and the further fact that there was some doubt as to the guilt of the defendant caused the Recorder to be lenient with him, the usual judgment in case of resisting an officer being $25 and costs.

Blain B. Sloan, colored, who formerly conducted a store on Nixon, between Seventh and Eighth streets, was next placed on trial on a charge of selling cocaine to a negro named Joe Allen. Sloan, who is a bright mulatto, was arrested in Newbern a few days ago by Constable W. B. Savage and brought back here to answer the cocaine selling charge. Joe Allen testified at the trial yesterday that he purchased cocaine from Sloan for which he paid him 15 cents. On cross examination by L. Clayton Grant, Esq., who represented the defendant, Allen said that the way he could tell that the powder he secured from Sloan was cocaine was because Sloan said that it was cocaine and because of the effect it produced. The Recorder found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to six months on the county roads. Notice of appeal to Superior Court was given and in default of bond Sloan went to jail. Sloan is already under bond to the next term of Superior Court to answer a charge of selling whiskey.

In a case against Harrison Smith, colored, charged with assault with deadly weapon, judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs. W. F. Jones, Esq., represented the defendant.

**Gambling Tables Seized.**

Two tables, cushioned with pasteboard, said to have been used by Richard Plummer, colored, in conducting a gambling joint, have been taken to police headquarters. Plummer was tried in the Recorder's Court Tuesday for gambling and fined, and the Recorder suggested that the tables, which the officers told about in their testimony, should be destroyed. The defense assented to this, and the tables were accordingly taken to police headquarters. Chief of Police Fowler had not definitely determined last night just what disposition will be made of the gambling paraphernalia.

**A Handsome Calendar.**

One of the very handsomest calendars for the New Year is that issued jointly by the A. J. McKinnon Company, "Cotton", and the A. J. McKinnon Company, agents for the Cadillac and Maxwell automobiles, at Maxton, N. C. The calendar is on handsome marbled paper on a background of red and caught with red silk ribbon. The art piece is "Which Shall It be," depicting two rivals who appear at the beautiful home of their lady love, one in handsome touring car and the other in a spick and span buggy with two dashing horses. The calendar is one of real beauty and attractiveness.

**Funeral of Mr. Jordan.**

The funeral of Mr. Joseph Jordan, who died at his home on Oak avenue Tuesday morning, was conducted from the home yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock, by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, assisted by Mr. A. J. Howell, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The pallbearers were: Capt. H. M. Millinor, Messrs. T. N. Justice, J. W. Matthews and Joseph Brown. The remains were interred in Bellevue cemetery.

**Plaster Fell on Him**

Mr. James W. Johnston, who is with Poezolt, the tailor, has quite an ugly gash in his forehead as the result of a painful accident suffered at his boarding house, No. 115 Market street, on Sunday morning. Mr. Johnston says that he was playing with some of the children in the room about their Christmas "doings" when a section of the plaster overhead, weighing about 100 pounds, fell upon him. His wound was dressed at Green's drug store.

**Real Estate Transfers**

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Edward J. Southerland and wife and others to Clifford P. Kelly, for $10 and other considerations, lot on southeast corner of Red Cross street and Sherwood's alley, 37 1-2x160 feet; Martha F. Maunder, of Waycross, Ga., to Col. Walker Taylor and wife, for $1,000 and other consideration, lot on southwest corner of 15th and Market streets, 50x150 feet in size.

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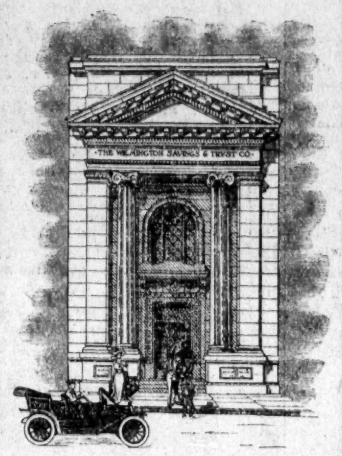

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## WOMAN WAS MASQUERADING

**Clothed in Men's Attire, She Was Sent to Police Station**

Masquerading in men's attire, Maggie Washington, colored, of unsavory reputation, a resident of the notorious alley, across the street from the Front street market, was arrested last midnight by Officer Frank George at 12th and Princess streets. Although the woman protested that she was merely engaged in a little holiday fun at the expense of some of her friends, as is the custom with some during the holiday season, she was so far from her base of operations that the officer thought best to send her in. She had no permission to masquerade as is required of the "cooners" during the holidays and a charge will rest against her for this, if for nothing more serious. Officer George is of the opinion that she was thus dressed up for no good purpose and if the real facts were known a more serious charge might be preferred against her.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—George Bridges, arrested Monday night at Monessen, Pa., a steel town near here, while carrying a suit case containing 72 sticks of dynamite and fuses, was charged with larceny late today by an official of the Henderson Coal Company, who alleges the explosives were stolen from the company's magazine.

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## AGREE ON ROADWAY

**A. C. L. Officials and Councilmanic Committee Confer**

Representatives of the city and the Atlantic Coast Line yesterday morning visited the northeast section of the city with a view of determining upon a plan to build a roadway from the railroad to the Wynnewood Lumber Company, a distance of four or five blocks. The party went out in automobiles, one being furnished by Councilman B. C. Moore and the other by Geo. B. Elliott, Esq., assistant general counsel of the Coast Line. The city was represented by Councilmen P. Q. Moore and B. C. Moore and City Attorney Herbert McClammy and the railroad by Geo. B. Elliott assistant general counsel; Junius Davis, Esq., local counsel, and Mr. W. N. Royall, general manager. Mr. Geo. H. Hutaff, who has property in that section and who has worked incessantly for a number of years to have the roadway built, met the party on the ground and went over the situation with them. After going over the matter quite thoroughly it was practically decided that the Coast Line will build a roadway on the east side of the right-of-way of the A. C. L. provided the city secure the land for this purpose. The road is to be built from a point about Wood street to the plant of the Wynnewood Lumber Company. The roadway will cost about $3,000 or $4,000. The committee representing the city will make report of the conference and personal visit to the ground to the Council at next meeting.

## HELD FOR UNCLE SAM

**Irving Chapman, White, Charged With Robbing Postoffice**

Irving Chapman, a white man, who was arrested in this city on June 27th, last, by Patrolman Leon George on a charge of stealing a watch and subsequently sentenced by the Recorder to six months on the county roads for the offense, finished his term yesterday, but did not obtain his freedom, having been arrested on a United States warrant charging him with breaking into and robbing a postoffice, said to be at Williard, N. C., or somewhere in that vicinity. He was committed to jail by United States Commissioner George Harriss to await preliminary hearing on January 10th. It is said that stamps were secured from the postoffice which was robbed.

## DYNAMITERS KILL CHILDREN.

**Man Confesses Murdering Two to Get Their Valuable Oil Lands.**

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 26.—Doc. R. Allen, who, according to his own statement was the conspirator in the Taft, Okla., dynamiting cases, pleaded guilty today to murdering Castella and Herbert Sells, two negro children, who owned valuable oil lands, and was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor. To secure the Sells children's oil lands, it was alleged their home was blown up with dynamite and the children killed.

Allen's confession and plea of guilty followed the conviction of William Irwin, a white man, nd real estate dealer, on the same charge.

Frank L. Martin, a well known real estate man, will be placed on trial on Thursday, charged with murder in the same case. Following his trial will come that of John Coombs, a wealthy oil man.

Allen's plea, according to his attorney, Thomas Owen, was to save his neck.

Solid gold cuff links, scarf pins and tie clasp. Lockets and neck chains are some of my leaders. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler, No. 27 South Front street de 3-tf.

## NORFOLK PAPERS MERGED.

**Only One Publication in Afternoon, and One in Morning.**

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—On January 1 the Norfolk Landmark, one of the oldest newspapers in Virginia, will cease to exist. It will on that day become the property of the Virginian-Pilot Publishing Company. Charles S. Abell, who purchased the Landmark, two years ago, for $135,000, will become a minority stockholder in the Virginian-Pilot, but the paper will remain in control of the heirs of the late Albert H. Grandy and Michael Glennan. It will be under the management of Lucien D. Starke. With the Landmark out of the field, Norfolk will have only one morning and one afternoon newspaper.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 27.—The local Y. M. C. A. basket ball team tonight deefated Washington and Lee in the first of a series of two games—score 30 to 10. The second game will be played Thursday evening.

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Thursday, December 28, 1911.

First thing you know Colonel Roosevelt will get so provoked he will run anyhow.

The man who wants Christmas to last more than one day doesn't know when he has enough.

A great many people did their Christmas shopping early but they have hung to what they bought.

Everybody wants the currency reformed, but they also want some of the reformers of the currency reformed.

Women probably look on the bright side of everything from force of habit. They start in every morning by looking on the bright side of a mirrow.

The horrible massacre of Persians at Tabriz a few days ago shows that Russia did not get enough when the Japanese gave her the thrashing of her life.

It is announced that "Senator La Follette will take the stump in Ohio." When a man takes the stump it is a sign that he is after taking something else.

Some of the New York papers are discussing Col. Roosevelt as "a peril." Of course, he's "a peril!" He is the bogey man of 1912. He is now the only surviving political ku-klux.

An Austrian officer claims $25,000 from a handsome woman who jilted him, but says he would sacrifice it all just to have a talk with her. There is one mutt who doesnt seem to know that talk is cheap.

President Taft recently expressed great admiration for Lincoln and said "President Lincoln had the most judicial temperament of any man who ever lived." Why should Taft keep on trying to underrate Teddy?

The Baltimore Sun's Bentztown bird sings of "the golden ports of the silver sea." Probably, Woodrow Wilson could be convinced that those golden ports are the gateways of "The Beautiful Isle of Somewnere."

Postmaster General Hitchcock boasts of saving money by sending magazine mail matter by freight. The magazines will print his picture to show that nothing more could be expected of a man with a face like his.

Dr. Mary Walker is making war on the collar button and declares that it is running men insane. Men must admit that the collar button needs reform. In the first place, all collar buttons are so mean and devilish they invariably go under the bureau when a fat man drops them on the floor. In the second place, some collar buttons will quit their job without notice so a man's collar can ride up on his neck right in the midst of a sermon, or else will get cranky and gouge a man in the nape of the neck till he uses language that would invoke rebuke from Fighting Bob Evans.

Having all along been a loyal and persistent advocate of Baltimore as the Democracy's Presidential convention city the coming year, The Star is more than ever satisfied that Baltimore is the place. This from the Baltimore Sun clinches the argument: "The New York Sun and all otners interested are informed that Baltimore has one of the largest fireproof convention halls in the United States, a building that will accommodate 20,000 persons." That's exactly the kind of convention hall we've been hoping for. It will never do for red hot Democrats to get together in any convention hall that is not fireproof.

## WILL MAN EXTERMINATE HIMSELF?

Man's desire to kill something with his gun is exterminating game of all kinds and especially the birds once so plentiful in this country. In the extermination of birds there are three elements at work—the plumage hunters, the pot-pie hunters, and the boy hunters. Between the three, and doubtless there are more, the boy hunter is the most destructive. A boy will shoot anything that flies, whether it is fit for plumes, a pot-pie or not. However, the extermination of birds has grown to such an alarming extent, and insects consequently have increased so enormously, that statisticians are warning us that it will not be many years before man will exterminate himself by starvation, if birds continue to be destroyed by those in quest of plumage and bird dinners.

The Audubon Societies are constantly pointing out the menace which is already on us because of the extermination of birds. In the Carolinas the pine beetle threatens to exterminate the short-leaf pine, and the destruction is so serious that government experts are now in the Piedmont country endeavoring to stay the ruin of the forests. Another insect years ago destroyed most of the chestnut trees in the Carolinas, and the destruction in that particular is now going on as far north as Pennsylvania. In whole counties of North Carolina where chestnut trees grew by the thousands 20 years ago, such a tree is now a curiosity. How long will it be before the pine will as surely disappear?

The cotton boll wevil has never been stayed in its progress from the Southwest, and only two States lie between that pest and North Carolina. These intervening States are South Carolina and Georgia, for the weevil has made steady progress in Alabama, coming this way. With the bird family growing scarcer every year, and the insect family becoming greater and more voracious, our orchardists are now having more trouble with their fruit trees than ever. The market gardener has all he can do to fight insects and the farmer hardly has a crop that escapes some sort of insect destruction. During the past season the cotton caterpillar, army worm and red spider have been more numerous than ever. With droughts and insects to contend with, how long will it be before we will have a cropless country?

The thought of it is alarming, but this is not raised as a false alarm, for the possibility is a serious one to face. It is so near realization that the government and the Audubon Societies are doing all they can to save the birds and the farmers. The farmers have to help themselves by co-operating with them in the movement. They can protect the birds on their farms and encourage their propagation. Mr. Henry W. Henshaw, recently indicated to the farmers how they can aid in restoring bird life. He says:

"This can be effected in four ways: (1) By providing artificial nesting sites for the species that nest in hollow trees or in the cornices and cavities of buildings. (2) By planting thickets of berry-bearing trees and shrubs along the roads or in waste places on the farm. (3) By carefully protecting the birds already occupying the premises. (4) By supplying water for birds. Though at first thought it may seem a small matter, a supply of water for drinking and bathing purposes is of great importance to birds because they must bathe and drink just like human beings."

The Audubon Societies are hard at work saving the birds on our seashore. They are establishing havens for water fowl, and attempting to restore many species now almost extinct. Millions of water fowl used to inhabit all the ocean country, but now they are few. Aid should be given this movement by all communities. All over North Carolina the partridge is growing scarcer every season, and there isn't a man, woman or child that cannot do something to prevent its extermination. Concerning this valuable bird the Jacksonville Times-Union says:

"The quail is as useful a bird as any that frequents the fields and woods. Its domestication is said to be an easy matter. There is no reason why it should not be a denizen of every farmer's chicken yard. Though its eggs are not as valuable, perhaps, as those of our domesticated fowls, its flesh is in great repute. It would seem, in fact, that there could hardly be too many of it.

"If farmers would recognize the full value to them of our bird population and combine in associations for the protection of their feathered friends soon many a now silent copse and nearly deserted wood would ring again with the warblings of the gay little songsters and Bob White's cheerful whistle would be heard in every field. Crops and forests would be saved. Less cost would attend the raising of fruits and vegetables."

## CHEAPER BEEF—EH?

The action of the British government authorities in canceling contracts with the American meat trust for army supplies, has caused many American newspapers to note that one result of it might be some relief for the meat consumers of this country. It must not be overlooked that orders were not exactly cancelled but that the British government served notice that pending the result of the criminal proceedings of the United States against the American packers none of the firms involved will be invited to tender bids for supplies for the British army.

That is bad enough in its way, but it must not be overlooked that the packers might find a way to get bids in some other way, or before the year is out. Mr. Armour, in speaking of the seriousness of this boycott on the part of the British army authorities, says the contracts of the indicted packers have amounted to between $15,000,000 and $20,000,000 annually, and Mr. Alfred R. Martin, attorney for Armour & Co., declares that the action of Great Britain cuts off our largest market for canned meats. Mr. Martin says the loss in pounds seems greater, for every pound of canned meat represents two pounds of fresh meat. In that event, if Great Britain does not come into the American market for canned meats there ought to be for American consumers two pounds of fresh meat for every pound of canned meat supplied to Great Britain's army. Speaking of that possibility the New Orleans States observes:

"It is logical to suppose that the millions of pounds of canned meat formerly used by the British army will now be placed on the home market at a material reduction in price, but we agree with the Charleston News and Courier that the American people are not likely to be the beneficiaries of such a situation. The packers will find some way to prevent the closing of the British from affecting the high prices in the home market even if it be necessary to keep the canned meat in cold storage until it spoils or to dump it overboard in mid-ocean."

As a matter of fact, consumers in the United States need not expect much of a reduction in the price of beef, even if we should have left at home $15,000,000 to $20,000,000 of beef a year. If the beef packers would even give that much away to every man, woman and child in the United States they would each receive only about 15 to 20 cents worth of beef during the year.

The relief which we must get from high meat prices must come to us by raising our own supplies at home. The higher the price the more we could save by producing our own cattle and hogs. That is a plain proposition. The high price of meat ought to encourage us to go into the business on a large scale.

## THE NATIONAL CRIME.

While Teddy is still trying to shift the blame to Bliss and Harriman, his dead allies of 1904, why does he not also denounce as a crime the subscription of huge corruption funds to debauch the voters of George Washington's Republic? There is more in putting a stop to such infamous politics than there is in shifting the blame.

The McNamaras dynamited a building and destroyed more than a score of lives, but the corruption methods of the Republican party during the Roosevelt and other Presidential campaigns tend to destroy the character of citizenship and sap the foundations of the Republic. There never was a time when the public men of this country were so utterly mistrusted and it is because some of them have lowered the standards of manhood and civic morality. They have not appealed to the patriotism of the voters but have bought and paid for them like they would sheep. Nothing better would be expected of politicians and parties which do that than that they would use the government of the country to enrich themselves and levy tribute on the people to make millionaires of some and paupers of others.

The recent Sheldon-Roosevelt letters have served again to magnify the enormity of the crime of political corruption. It is a crime against the Nation and all parties and all men should aid in stamping it out. The press all over the country is hammering at it again, and the pulpit and the stump should join in the crusade. The methods of some politicians in this country are worse than treason. Conspirators are despised and spotted. Corruption is insidious and tolerated when it is more dangerous than the ordinary plots of men who come out in the open to fight for a cause.

The articles most in demand all over the world are something to eat and something to wear. Breadstuffs lead in commercial importance and next come fibre stuffs, cotton, wool, silk, etc. Most all foodstuffs and fibre stuffs can be produced in the South.

A New York woman bought a quart of oysters and her husband discovered seven beautiful pearls in the lot. Of course, her husband's money paid for the oysters, but she claimed the pearls because she had all the luck in making the purchase. There was no row about it. The man's wife generously gave him most of the oysters and the arrangement was perfectly satisfactory to him. In fact, a man is always perfectly willing to do the eating and if he is well fed his wife can have the earth if she wants it.

Mount McKinley in the Alaskan mountains, is 20,400 feet high. Dr. Frederick A. Cook claims to have climbed it but Dr. Cook and Baron Munchausen are not given credit for having any Sunday School training. Now, Prof. Herechel C. Parker, of Columbia University, will leave January 10th, to make his third attempt to scale Mount McKinleys crest. Despite the earnest pleadings of his wife, the Professor refuses to take her on the trip. Well, of course, it is wiser not to take along anybody who might tell a different story on the return.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

That was a stinging one Colonel Henry Watterson handed Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in St. Louis the other day. The Kentuckian described the ex-President as one who contemplated 'the Diazification of the presidency and the Mexicanization of the republic."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Sir Ernest Shackleton in his mind's eye sees the explorers Scott and Amundson eating their Christmas dinners at the South Pole in a biting wind and with the temperature 40 degrees below zero. If the picture proves authentic, Christmas Day 1911, will go down in history as the date of the crowning feat of Anarctic exploration. Shackleton himself and three companions celegrated Christmas 1908, almost within sight of the South Pole, dining on a plum-pudding saved with scrupulous sentiment from their jettisoned supplies. That either the British or the Norwegian explorer has now traversed the remaining hundred-odd miles from Shackleton's furtherest south is entirely possible. Shackleton on scaling an 8,500-foot glacier near the end of his journey found himself on a plateau which apparently extended to the pole. Had he had fifty pounds more of food on his expedition it is likely that the discovery of the South Pole would today be an old story.—New York World.

Senator Smoot's detailed statement of his views on the report of the tarin board, following as it does a similar statement from Senator Penrose, indicates the general acceptance by the Republican leaders of the data prepared by that body. The Republicans plainly state that they are prepared to proceed with a revision of the wood schedule downward to meet the exact line of protection indicated by the figures of the tariff board. Thus the question of protection will be put squarely up to the Democrats. The challenge will be clear and well-defined. It will be for the Democrats to say whether they will meet it with a fight for a tariff for revene only. There is but one way in which the Democrats and Republicans can split apart if the two parties recognize, either openly or covertly, that protection is needed, and that will be through a charge by the Democrats that the tariff board figures are inaccurate.—Washington Past.

Announcement is made that the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, which was recently attacked in the Federal courts, has voluntarily dissolved itself after having been notified that it was operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Following this announcement comes the decision of the Plumbers' Trust to go out of business, abandon its price schedules and co-operative efforts. The National Lamp Company has also decided to remove all trade restrictions it devised and allow dealers to buy non patented goods in the open market instead of forcing them to buy non-patented goods from the trust, under penalty of being refused the privilege of purchasing the patented article. The National City Bank of New York City has sold its stock in other banks, and several big corporations are planning to seek safe ground and avoid prosecutions under the provisions of the anti-trust act. These instances show that the Sherman law is not what some people imagined it to be—a piece of farcical legislation passed for the purpose of evading the real evils of industrial combination. Recent developments show that the law has teeth in it and must be taken seriously, hence its enforcement is all that is necessary to make it a potent agency in correcting trust abuses.—New Orleans States.

In its article on the choice of the city in which the Democratic convention is held the New York Sun expresses the opinion that "the selection of Baltimore would probably indicate that a ticket made up of Gov. Judson Harmon, of Ohio, for President and Representative Oscar W Underwood, of Alabama, for Vice President, was most favored by a majority of the national committee." This is entirely erroneous. Both Governor Harmon and Mr. Underwood have strong friends here, but Woodrow Wilson and Champ Clark have hosts of supporters. Baltimore is neutral ground, and here the delegates can make up their minds with no fear of local influence. Furthermore, the New York Sun and all others interested are informed that Baltimore has one of the largest fireproof convention halls in the United States, a building that will accommodate 20,000 persons. It has plenty of hotel room to accommodate the 1,070 delegates, the 1,070 alternates and all their friends, supporters and all the strangers that will come. Washington is just 45 minutes away, with 120 regular trains plying between the two cities daily, and in our neighbor town is enough hotel room to accommodate another national convention. Have no fear. All who come will get accommodations here, and every candidate will be given a square deal.—Baltimore Sun.

## WOMEN OF CONFEDERACY.

### Comrade L. Leon Recalls Incident of War at Point Lookout.

Editor Star:—I saw in your valuable paper of December 26th, an article from the Baltimore Sun of December 25th from Major Weymoth, headed "Woman in a Battery." This reminded me of my sojourn at Point Lookout when Maj. Weymoth was in command there and I remember him very well; also the woman in a battery. This is a copy of my diary in regard to her: "June 8th, 1864, six hundred prisoners came today with them a lady who is an artillery sergeant. Being questioned by the Provost Marshal, she told him she could straddle a horse, jump a fence and kill a Yankee as well as any rebel." Now, of course, I did not hear the questions asked nor the answers, but those were the words we heard she used. I did see her and from her appearance then, she certainly looked like she could do as said above.

Yours truly, L. LEON.
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## ASSAULT IN DURHAM.

### Two Negroes in Jail for Capital Offense—Other News Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 27.—Two negroes are in jail here this morning awaiting trial on the charge of capital crime. The two men, Son Watson and Joe Harris, are alleged to have committed criminal assault upon Mary Briggs, also colored, on Christmas Day.

Tuesday evening a large number of negroes had gathered together to have a big Christmas dance, with Son Watson and Joe Harris as special guests. During the process of the dance four of the city's officers made their way through rivers of mud to the dancing hall, and upon seeing the men wanted made a raid, catching the unlucky Son Watson in the act of playing a "get-'arph." Joe Harris made a dash and hit the ground only in the high places being caught later at the home of his father, in bed.

The story of the girl brings out all of the brutal features of criminal assault, and would not be allowed to be printed in the papers. The prisoners were put in jail without bail to await trial before 'Squire R. A. Harris, or Judge R. H. Sykes this morning.

The officers have been working up evidence for the case and shows the girl up to have a very good name, where the men have very bad records.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27—The Twentieth Century Limited on the Big Four was derailed at LaGrange, about 35 miles west of here, tonight, and fifteen passengers were injured, none seriously. The smoking car, which rolled over in the ditch, was the only car to leave the rails. The passengers in this car were the only ones injured.

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# TICKETS ON SALE TODAY

**Popular Prices Will Prevail at Big Aviation Meet New Year's Day. Aviator Brookins Will Arrive Saturday.**

Tickets for the aviation meet which will be held at Highwood Park on New Year's Day, will be on sale today at The Orton Hotel, Baxter's Cigar Store and Green's drug store. With the reduction in price to 50 cents admission the tickets this time will be in the form of tags so that everybody going to the aviation meet may wear them in their coat lapel. The sale will start off with a rush today and Mr. Frank Herbst, who is managing the meet, expects to see nearly all of 5,000 tags sold before the meet opens. The advance sale is also intended to prevent delay at the gates at the opening.

Much favorable comment has been heard in Wilmington because of the reduction in prices that are being charged for the coming meet. Moreover, the added attraction of automomile. motor cycle races will also be an innovation and will help to make New Year's Day one of outdoor sports such as is held in most large cities. There is no more appropriate way in which people can enjoy a holiday than to be out in the open and watch an exciting contest between skilled automobile and motorcycle drivers.

The winner of the automobile race will most likely have to accept a challenge to race in his automobile against Walter Brookins, the aviator, in his Burgess-Wright aeroplane. This event will also create quite a sensation. Although the Wright machine is not as fast as the average automobile, if the wind is favorable it is more than likely that Mr. Brookins will give the automobilist a pretty stiff run around the course. There have been very few races between automobiles and aeroplanes, but those that have been held have proved most thrilling.

Arrangements are also being made for the accommodations of those in nearby towns who want to attend the aviation meet. Besides the holiday rates which will still prevail on the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line, a special train is being arranged for to run between Southport and Wilmington over the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern. This will give hundreds of people in Southport and intermediate points the facility of coming to see the flights by way of the new railroad.

Mr. Walter Brookins, it is expected, will arrive here some time during Saturday. He has written to several people in Wilmington expressing the pleasure that he anticipates from his visit to this city. He has heard that several aeroplanes are being built here by prominent Wilmington men. This fact has also made him very curious to inspect the machines that are being built in the South. In one of his letters he mentioned that he does not know of any other city in this section of the country where three aeroplanes are being built and has made a special request to be permitted to thoroughly examine the aeroplanes that are being built by Mr. M. F. H. Gouverneur, David Palmgren and Frank Herbst. Mr. Palmgren, it is widely known, has built a unique machine on principles that are quite different from the standard type of aeroplane used throughout the world today. The workmanship on this machine is also recognized as a mark of great skill.

## MASONS TO BURGAW.

**Members of St. John's Lodge to Assist in Degree Work There.**

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., has been invited to assist King Solomon's Lodge, No. 138, at Burgaw, tomorrow in conferring the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and quite a number of members of the lodge will go to Burgaw on the 8:40 train tomorrow and return on the evening train. The following officers and members of the lodge have signified their intention of going to Burgaw and other names are expected to be handed to Secretary A. S. Holden today:

Mr. B. A. Merritt, worshipful master; Mr. S. R. Keyes, acting senior warden; Dr. John C. Wessell, junior warden; Mr. S. T. Highsmith, treasurer; Mr. A. S. Holden, secretary; Mr. C. B. Newcomb, senior deacon; Messrs. A. L. and W. R. Dosher, W. A. McGirt and W. B. Muse, composing St. John's quartette; Messrs. Wm. K. Allen, J. L. Becton, C. R. Humphreys, L. A. Scott, Paul B. Bell, A. W. Sidbury, Claude Murray, Wm. Struthers, Jr. W. H. Stansell, W. P. McGlaughon, John S. McEachern, past master; E. L. Heinsberger, J. W. Freeman, Capt. E. A. Metts and Dr. Chas. H. Gardner.

## A BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR

**Mr. H. L. Vollers, the Wholesale Grocer, Mindful of The Season**

The ideal New Year calendar is generally conceded to be that with a minimum of advertising upon its face, an absence of gorgeousness, a degree of taste and a simple elegance that at once gives it distinction and creates a favorable impression upon the recipient. Mr. H. L. Vollers, the Wilmington wholesale grocer, seems this year without a doubt to have reached the acme of perfection in his New Year greeting to the trade. It is handsomely done and enclosed with glass with a neat brass chain for suspension. It is a most attractive wall ornament either for the office, the "den" or the sitting room.

**Saved His Wife's Life.**

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

**"Gee Whiz" and "Showing Uncle."**

Two big comedy photoplay offerings on a single reel at The Grand Theatre today. **

# REDUCTION IN PRICE OF GAS

**Tidewater Power Company ..akes Cut in Illuminating Gas Effective January 1st—Result of Improvements**

Announcement was made yesterday by the Tidewater Power Company that on and after January 1st, 1912, the rate for gas for illuminating purposes will be reduced from $1.65 per thousand feet, gross, to $1.45 per thousand feet, less a discount of 20 cents per thousand feet for payment on or before the 10th of each month. This will make the net rate for illuminating gas $1.25 per thousand feet, or the same as the present rate for fuel gas.

The change means a reduction of 16 2-3 per cent. in the price for illuminating gas, and is in line with the company' policy of always making its rates as low as is consistent with good service and a fair return on the investment. In connection with the announcement of the reduction in price of illuminating gas it might be stated that the company is in better position than ever before to give excellent service. As has already been stated in The Star extensive additions and improvements have been recently made to the gas plant, which not only greatly increases the capacity of the plant, but by reason of improved apparatus installed, also make it possible to furnish a better gas of higher candlepower. These additions increase the manufacturing capacity of the plant six times over its former capacity.

The improvements consist of new gas manufacturing apparatus, using oil instead of coal as a generative source, known as the Lowe system of Carburetted Water Gas. This apparatus was installed by the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia, the largest concern of its kind in the world. An oil tank of 50,000 gallons capacity, and an additional gasometer, or storage holder, of 120,000 cubic feet capacity have been erected by the Bartlette-Hayward Company, of Baltimore. These improvements represent the very latest in gas engineering, and are the best that could be procured.

During the past few months extensive additions to the gas mains have been made and additional mains will continue to be laid from time to time. Larger mains are being put in on nearly all the streets that are being paved. All of these improvements are made necessary by increased use of gas in Wilmington. During the last 12 months several carloads of gas ranges, and a considerable number of water heaters and other appliances have been installed by the company which taxed the old system to its utmost capacity.

## KENTUCKY HORSE AND MULE CO.

**Has Been Formed and Takes Over Business of Mr. F. T. Mills**

The Kentucky Horse and Mule Company, which will take over the large and ever-increasing business of Mr. F. T. Mills, the well-known dealer in horses and mules, was organized yesterday by the election of the following officers: President, A. H. Jewell, of Lexington, Ky.; secretary and treasurer, Ward Lutes, of Lexington, Ky.; manager and salesman, Mr. F. T. Mills.

Mr. Jewell has been associated with Mr. Mills in the business for the past year and recently the business has grown to such proportions that it was decided to form a company and to take in a third person, Mr. Lutes, who has wide experience in the business. Mr. Jewell has stables at Atlanta, Cincinnati and Lexington and the horses and mules which are placed on the market here are bought direct from the persons who raise them, thus insuring better animals as well as saving the middleman's profits.

The company has about 75 horses and 50 mules at the stables on Second street, between Princess and Cnesnut streets, and will keep about this number on hand all the time. There will be two auction sales each month the year round the stables will be open for the wholesale and retail of the horses and mules. The first auction sale will be held about 12th or 15th of January, the exact date to be announced later.

## SEARCHED FOR DERELICT.

**The Itasca Unable to Locate Abandoned Schooner on Carolina Coast.**

After a fruitless search of 12 days for an abandoned schooner reported off the North Carolina coast, the revenue cutter Itasca, Capt. John G. Berry, commanding, returned to port this week for a short stay to receive supplies.

The Itasca, which, it will be recalled, takes the place of the Seminole, recently taken to Baltimore, where it will remain for some time, will cruise the district this Winter and the search for the derelict was her first trip this season. The abandoned vessel was reported to be painted green and was floating about at sea, a dangerous obstruction to navigation. It has probably passed out of the Itasca's cruising district by this time. The same staff of officers that manned the Seminole remain on the Itasca, which for many years was used as a training ship and is built for long voyages. She is considerably larger than the Seminole and is attracting much interest since he recent arrival in port.

**Suit Case Missing.**

The loss of a suitcase containing several valuable articles has been reported to the police by Mr. R. L. Parker, No. 209 Chesnut street, who believes it was stolen from him while he was in the Coast Line restaurant, on North Front street, last Sunday morning. Mr. Parker was at that time on the way to the train and stopped in for lunch. When he started to leave he was amazed to find that the suitcase had been taken. He stated that two white men were in the restaurant at the time and there was no other suit case but his in sight and for that reason believes it was taken with felonious intent.

**Malaria Makes Pale Sickly Children.**

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## RESENTED THE LIE.

**Lawyer Brooks Dealt Mr. J. D. Sidbury Gentle Blow Yesterday.**

Some little excitement was created on Princess street, near Justice Bornemann's office, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, when R. F. Brooks, Esq., struck Mr. J. D. Sidbury, of East Wilmington, a blow that sent him sprawling on the pavement. Mr. Brooks walked into Justice Harriss' office and said that he desired to submit to simple assault. He was placed under arrest by Deputy Sheriff A. L. Kelly and recognized for appearance at trial today. He said that Mr. Sidbury called him a lie about a matter in dispute and that is the reason he struck him.

Mr. Sidbury was arrested Tuesday afternoon on a warrant from Justice Harriss' court charging him with false pretense. The affidavit upon which the warrant was issued was made by Mr. Brooks. It is said that the amount involved is $25, which Mr. Brooks alleges is due him as a fee for appearing for Mr. Sidbury in a court case some time ago. Mr. Sidbury is represented by Brooke G. Empie, Esq., and as he is to be out of the city for several days the hearing may be postponed until next Monday.

## CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR.

**Salvation Army Making Big Plans for New Year's Day.**

It will be an eventful Christmas for the poor children of the city, who attend the big Yuletide event being planned by the Salvation Army for 3 o'clock on New Year's Day. In addition to giving away presents to the children at the celebration, an interesting programme of exercises has been arranged and a dinner will be tendered those present as the closing feature of the day. The poor of the city are extended a special invitation, the celebration being arranged especially for them.

The programme to be given will consist of tableaux and several unique drills as well as other interesting features. Adjutant Mataxas and other members of the local post are making efforts to provide the biggest Christmas ever given the poor in this city.

Christmas toys and other presents from merchants, which were left over after the regular Christmas sales, will be gratefully received at the Salvation Army headquarters.

## INTRUDER PROBABLY SHOT.

**Negro Who Entered House Yesterday May Have Been Wounded.**

The only robbery or house-breaking reported to the police in several days, occurred yesterday morning between 7 and 8 o'clock, when a negro entered the home of Annie Jones, of the underworld, at 12th and Chesnut streets. The negro was observed by a man in the house who does not care to have his name published and he started in pursuit with pistol in hand. He fired at the negro first as he leaped from a window to the ground. A second shot quickly followed and it is said that the negro threw his right hand over his left arm in a way that caused those who saw him to believe that the second bullet took effect. The matter was reported to the police yesterday morning, but the name of the man who, it now appears, was a pretty good marksman, was not given to the officers.

## COLD WAVE IS HERE.

**Decided Drop in Temperature Last Night, Accompanied by Wind.**

Following in the wake of the Western disturbance, which was central at Chicago Tuesday night, the cold wave which has been flirting with the country for the past week or more, arrived on time last night, accompanied by a high wind. There was a marked fall in the temperature during the night and by this morning, the reading is likely to be at or below freezing. At 8 o'clock last night it was snowing in Asheville, but elsewhere the weather map generally indicated fair and much colder weather. This morning, if indications count for anything, the weather promises to be quite cold in Wilmington and vicinity.

## SCHOONER AT SOUTHPORT.

**Schooner Esther Ann Has Rudder Head Sprung.**

Schooner Esther Ann, Capt. A. F. Green, from Apalachicola about December 15th, for Boston, Mass., with a cargo of lumber, is reported arrived at Southport with rudder head sprung. Repairs will be made and the schooner will proceed on its voyage.

**Held Pending Investigation.**

Richard and Oscar Suggs, negro youths, both probably under 15 years old, who were arrested Tuesday night by Constable Savage on a warrant charging them with the larceny of some articles from the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, are in jail in default of bond pending hearing before Justice Harriss. The theft of the articles is supposed to have been committed about a month ago. Articles found in the possession of the boys and believed to have been stolen have not yet been identified. Mr. Edgar L. Hinton, manager of the Seashore Hotel, is not positive that the articles were stolen from his place. One or two cottages on the beach were broken into a few weeks ago and the owners will go down there and see if any of the articles stolen resemble those found in possession of the boys.

**Remove Cobble Stones.**

In response to numerous complaints from the public as to the unsightly cobble stones piled in the rear of the postoffice since the recent extensive improvements to the building were completed, Postmaster Wallace last night authorized the statement that unless the purchaser of these cobbles remove the same within 24 hours, they will be offered to the public free of charge for removal. As the stones are quite valuable, the purchaser at the recent sale, upon this notice, will likely get busy and get them to a place of safety.

**An Approaching Marriage**

Invitations reading as follows have been issued: "Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kaminsky request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Lena, to Mr. Joseph Abelovitz, on Tuesday afternoon, the ninth of January, nineteen hundred and twelve, at five-thirty o'clock, at their residence, No. 22 South Second street, Wilmington, N. C." Enclosed are cards reading as follows: "At home after February 4th, 1912, 313 North Fifth street."

# ANOTHER LONG SESSION

**Trial of Several Contested Cases in Recorder's Court Yesterday—Negro Given Six Months for Selling Cocaine.**

The Recorder held another long session of his court yesterday, being a little longer than the session Tuesday, but nothing like the number of defendants faced His Honor, the time being taken up with the trial of a few contested cases.

The trial of the case against S. W. King, white, and Mitchell Davis, colored, charged with nuisance, consumed more time than any other case heard yesterday. King conducts a place on the Northwest corner of Second and Dawson streets and the charge of nuisance against King and his negro porter came as a result of complaint of loud and boisterous conduct, fighting, gambling, etc., which is said to have distinguished the place. The warrant was issued by Chief of Police Fowler. The Recorder found both defendants guilty and fined King $50 and costs and Davis $25 and costs. Notice of appeal was given and bond was fixed at $100 each. Davis was also convicted of a charge of resisting an officer, but the Recorder announced that he would suspend judgment upon payment of the costs. The defendant gave notice of an appeal in this case also, bond being fixed at $50. Woodus Kellum and Walter P. Gafford, Esqs., appeared for the defendants.

In a case against Celie Allen, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs. Sergeant Larkins, colored, charged with resisting arrest, was required to pay the costs. The negro was painfully wounded in the head by being struck with a "black jack" in the hands of Detective S. L. Branch, and this fact and the further fact that there was some doubt as to the guilt of the defendant caused the Recorder to be lenient with him, the usual judgment in case of resisting an officer being $25 and costs.

Blain B. Sloan, colored, who formerly conducted a store on Nixon, between Seventh and Eighth streets, was next placed on trial on a charge of selling cocaine to a negro named Joe Allen. Sloan, who is a bright mulatto, was arrested in Newbern a few days ago by Constable W. B. Savage and brought back here to answer the cocaine selling charge. Joe Allen testified at the trial yesterday that he purchased cocaine from Sloan for which he paid him 15 cents. On cross examination by L. Clayton Grant, Esq., who represented the defendant, Allen said that the way he could tell that the powder he secured from Sloan was cocaine was because Sloan said that it was cocaine and because of the effect it produced. The Recorder found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to six months on the county roads. Notice of appeal to Superior Court was given and in default of bond Sloan went to jail. Sloan is already under bond to the next term of Superior Court to answer a charge of selling whiskey.

In a case against Harrison Smith, colored, charged with assault with deadly weapon, judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs. W. F. Jones, Esq., represented the defendant.

**Gambling Tables Seized.**

Two tables, cushioned with pasteboard, said to have been used by Richard Plummer, colored, in conducting a gambling joint, have been taken to police headquarters. Plummer was tried in the Recorder's Court Tuesday for gambling and fined, and the Recorder suggested that the tables, which the officers told about in their testimony, should be destroyed. The defense assented to this, and the tables were accordingly taken to police headquarters. Chief of Police Fowler had not definitely determined last night just what disposition will be made of the gambling paraphernalia.

**A Handsome Calendar.**

One of the very handsomest calendars for the New Year is that issued jointly by the A. J. McKinnon Company, "Cotton", and the A. J. McKinnon Company, agents for the Cadillac and Maxwell automobiles, at Maxton, N. C. The calendar is on handsome marbled paper on a background of red and caught with red silk ribbon. The art piece is "Which Shall It be," depicting two rivals who appear at the beautiful home of their lady love, one in handsome touring car and the other in a spick and span buggy with two dashing horses. The calendar is one of real beauty and attractiveness.

**Funeral of Mr. Jordan.**

The funeral of Mr. Joseph Jordan, who died at his home on Oak avenue Tuesday morning, was conducted from the home yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock, by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, assisted by Mr. A. J. Howell, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The pallbearers were: Capt. H. M. Millinor, Messrs. T. N. Justice, J. W. Matthews and Joseph Brown. The remains were interred in Bellevue cemetery.

**Plaster Fell on Him**

Mr. James W. Johnston, who is with Poezolt, the tailor, has quite an ugly gash in his forehead as the result of a painful accident suffered at his boarding house, No. 115 Market street, on Sunday morning. Mr. Johnston says that he was playing with some of the children in the room about their Christmas "doings" when a section of the plaster overhead, weighing about 100 pounds, fell upon him. His wound was dressed at Green's drug store.

**Real Estate Transfers**

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Edward J. Southerland and wife and others to Clifford P. Kelly, for $10 and other considerations, lot on southeast corner of Red Cross street and Sherwood's alley, 37 1-2x160 feet; Martha F. Maunder, of Waycross, Ga., to Col. Walker Taylor and wife, for $1,000 and other consideration, lot on southwest corner of 15th and Market streets, 50x150 feet in size.

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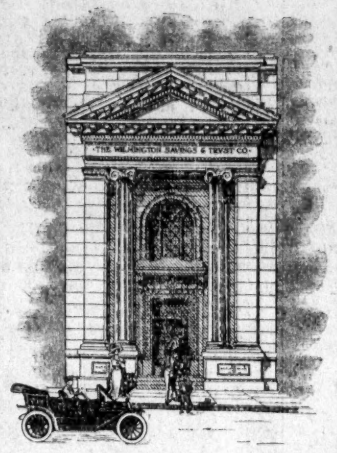

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## WOMAN WAS MASQUERADING

**Clothed in Men's Attire, She Was Sent to Police Station**

Masquerading in men's attire, Maggie Washington, colored, of unsavory reputation, a resident of the notorious alley, across the street from the Front street market, was arrested last midnight by Officer Frank George at 12th and Princess streets. Although the woman protested that she was merely engaged in a little holiday fun at the expense of some of her friends, as is the custom with some during the holiday season, she was so far from her base of operations that the officer thought best to send her in. She had no permission to masquerade as is required of the "cooners" during the holidays and a charge will rest against her for this, if for nothing more serious. Officer George is of the opinion that she was thus dressed up for no good purpose and if the real facts were known a more serious charge might be preferred against her.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—George Bridges, arrested Monday night at Monessen, Pa., a steel town near here, while carrying a suit case containing 72 sticks of dynamite and fuses, was charged with larceny late today by an official of the Henderson Coal Company, who alleges the explosives were stolen from the company's magazine.

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## AGREE ON ROADWAY

**A. C. L. Officials and Councilmanic Committee Confer**

Representatives of the city and the Atlantic Coast Line yesterday morning visited the northeast section of the city with a view of determining upon a plan to build a roadway from the railroad to the Wynnewood Lumber Company, a distance of four or five blocks. The party went out in automobiles, one being furnished by Councilman B. C. Moore and the other by Geo. B. Elliott, Esq., assistant general counsel of the Coast Line The city was represented by Councilmen P. Q. Moore and B. C. Moore and City Attorney Herbert McClammy and the railroad by Geo. B. Elliott assistant general counsel; Junius Davis, Esq., local counsel, and Mr. W. N. Royall, general manager. Mr. Geo. H. Hutaff, who has property in that section and who has worked incessantly for a number of years to have the roadway built, met the party on the ground and went over the situation with them. After going over the matter quite thoroughly it was practically decided that the Coast Line will build a roadway on the east side of the right-of-way of the A. C. L. provided the city secure the land for this purpose. The road is to be built from a point about Wood street to the plant of the Wynnewood Lumber Company. The roadway will cost about $3,000 or $4,000. The committee representing the city will make report of the conference and personal visit to the ground to the Council at next meeting.

## HELD FOR UNCLE SAM

**Irving Chapman, White, Charged With Robbing Postoffice**

Irving Chapman, a white man, who was arrested in this city on June 27th, last, by Patrolman Leon George on a charge of stealing a watch and subsequently sentenced by the Recorder to six months on the county roads for the offense, finished his term yesterday, but did not obtain his freedom, having been arrested on a United States warrant charging him with breaking into and robbing a postoffice, said to be at Williard, N. C., or somewhere in that vicinity. He was committed to jail by United States Commissioner George Harriss to await preliminary hearing on January 10th. It is said that stamps were secured from the postoffice which was robbed.

## DYNAMITERS KILL CHILDREN.

**Man Confesses Murdering Two to Get Their Valuable Oil Lands.**

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 26.—Doc. R. Allen, who, according to his own statement was the conspirator in the Taft, Okla., dynamiting cases, pleaded guilty today to murdering Castella and Herbert Sells, two negro children, who owned valuable oil lands, and was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor. To secure the Sells children's oil lands, it was alleged their home was blown up with dynamite and the children killed.

Allen's confession and plea of guilty followed the conviction of William Irwin, a white man, nd real estate dealer, on the same charge.

Frank L. Martin, a well known real estate man, will be placed on trial on Thursday, charged with murder in the same case. Following his trial will come that of John Coombs, a wealthy oil man.

Allen's plea, according to his attorney, Thomas Owen, was to save his neck.

Solid gold cuff links, scarf pins and tie clasp. Lockets and neck chains are some of my leaders. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler, No. 27 South Front street de 3-tf.

## NORFOLK PAPERS MERGED.

**Only One Publication in Afternoon, and One in Morning.**

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—On January 1 the Norfolk Landmark, one of the oldest newspapers in Virginia, will cease to exist. It will on that day become the property of the Virginian-Pilot Publishing Company. Charles S. Abell, who purchased the Landmark, two years ago, for $135,000, will become a minority stockholder in the Virginian-Pilot, but the paper will remain in control of the heirs of the late Albert H. Grandy and Michael Glennan. It will be under the management of Lucien D. Starke. With the Landmark out of the field, Norfolk will have only one morning and one afternoon newspaper.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 27.—The local Y. M. C. A. basket ball team tonight deefated Washington and Lee in the first of a series of two games—score 30 to 10. The second game will be played Thursday evening.

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## FOR SALE.

To satisfy a debt due me by A. W. Graham, I will sell at public auction at Court House door on January 5th, 1912, 12 o'clock, five shares N. C. R. R. Co. stock.

de 27-10t. EDWARD WOOTTEN.

# SOCIETY

Friends of Mrs. B. F. Boykin will be glad to learn she is rapidly recovering from an illness of about a week

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hollman, of Wilmington, are the guests of Mrs. David Elias.

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Miss Rebie Johnson left yesterday for Littleton, N. C., after spending some time here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. F. A. Fetter.

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Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bell, of Washington, D. C., are guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. E. Etheridge, at Carolina Place.

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Miss Elizabeth Bullard is spending the holidays in the city visiting relatives and friends. She has been making her home at Fayetteville.

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The meeting of the Literary Department of Sorosis announced for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, has been postponed until the 11th of January.

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Miss Norma Ray Black, of Ivanhoe, N. C., is a guest of Miss Mary A. Thompson, at the home of her uncle, Dr. A. D. McDonald, No. 313 North Fourth street.

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Tuesday's Savannah News: "Mr. A. M. Sholar, Jr., of Wilmington, N. C., after spending Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Benj. E. Adams, returned home last night."

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Misses Ruth and Gladys Parker and Master A. J. Parker and Misses Ida May Register and Katie Davis left yesterday for Ashton, where they will spend the holidays visiting relatives and friends.

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Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "Mr. and Mrs. Nash E. Bunting and their son, William, are here from Wilmington on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. William Glover. Fayetteville people are glad to greet them."

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Mr. Benj. Bell, Jr., of the editorial staff of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, who has been spending the holidays with the family of his father, Mr. Benj. Bell, in this city, will return to his post of duty today. Many friends here were delighted to have him with them for the holidays.

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The Christmas tree for St. John's Sunday School will be given this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Parish House. Every child is expected to bring something, preferably canned goods for the orphans at the Thompson Orphanage in Charlotte. Exercises have been arranged for the event.

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Sumter, S. C., Daily Item: "Mr. Frank Boykin, of Wilmington, is in the city visiting his aunt, Mrs. M. S. King, on Purdy street.——Miss Edna Craft, of Wilmington, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. S King, on Purdy street.——Mr. Jimmie Weathers, of Wilmington, is at home for the Christmas holidays."

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One of the most delightful social functions of the Yuletide was the reception given by Mrs. William A. Wright and her charming daughters, Misses Sallie and Alice Wright, to Misses Boatwright and Miss Marie Grainger, Tuesday evening, at their home on Market, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. Several hundred invited guests called during the evening and it proved an enjoyable social event.

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Wilmington Lodge No. 532, B. P. O. E., will hold its regular monthly session tomorrow evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock and following the regular exercises in the lodge room, there will be a social session in the club rooms. There will be initiation ceremonies, the candidates being Rev. C. Dennen, Mr. S. R. Keyes and Mr. W. H. D. Banck. Mine Host Schuler has prepared a delightful menu for the evening, which is being looked forward to with much pleasure by the large number of "Best People", who are expected to be present.

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### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Among the most enjoyable and elaborate Christmas entertainments given in the city, was the event in the Sunday School room of the First Baptist church last evening, which was attended by a large audience and the programme contained many interesting features, which proved especially pleasing.

The event, as usual, was marked by the coming of Santa Claus, who brought an abundance of presents, which were sufficient to distribute among the large audience after the members of the Sunday School had been supplied. The programme was arranged in a splendid and most appropriate manner, and much credit is due those who had the entertainment in charge. The Sunday School room was prettily decorated, suggestive of the Yuletide, and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. In addition to the presents given the children, Mrs. W. B. Muse, the organist, and the sexton of the church were presented presents, which were gifts from the young people. The programme was as follows:

"Joy to the World," by School.
Reading, by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster.
Prayer, Rev. E. G. Mintz, of Richmond, Va.
Recitation, by Hershel Leonard.
Song, "Little Town of Bethlehem."
Recitation, by Mary White.
Duet, by Mary Garvey and Ione Foster.
Recitation, by Vie Saunders.
Tableaux. "Feast of Lights," by Mr. Newcomb, 12 boys and 20 girls.
Song, "Love Divine."
Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers."
Recitation, Mary C. Peterson.
Christmas Bells.
Santa Claus.

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Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—A romance of the Blue and Gray is revealed here in the engagement just announced of Miss Persis Gray, of Melrose, Mass., to William E. Lucas, of Wilson, N. C. Miss Gray is the granddaughter of Major Robert Gray, of the Fourth Maine Volunteers in the Civil War, while her fiance is a corporal in the 151st Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Andrew, Boston, and a grandson of John Lucas, who was killed while fighting in the Confederate ranks at Antietam. He comes of a family well known and esteemed in North Carolina. Miss Gray's grandfather was killed at the head of his charging column in the battle of the Wilderness. No date has been set for the wedding.

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### CHRISTMAS DANCE OF L'ARIOSO GERMAN CLUB

The handsome ball room of the Masonic Temple was the scene of one of the most brilliant social events of the season last evening, when the Christmas dance of L'Arioso German Club took place. The naturally splendid possibilities of the ball room were emphasized and brought forth to the fullest extent by profuse and tastefully arranged decorations of the most elaborate and beautiful design. Myriads of small lights shone through the draping of evergreens and flowers which literally covered the walls and overhung the floors, while a miniature Christmas tree of most graceful proportions was artistically arranged in the southeast corner of the hall, surrounded by numerous handsome and attractive souvenirs and favors. The presiding genius of the occasion was a mammoth Santa Claus, whose merry face and generous figure carried out the Christmas spirit to the fullest extent.

On the left, as the guests entered the hall, were a number of Wilmington's most prominent society leaders, patronesses of the club, whose cordiality and charm were largely responsible for the success of the occasion. The receiving line was composed of Mrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur, Mrs. Robt. H. Northrop, Mrs. P. L. Bridgers, Mrs. P. C. Nye and Mrs. H. C. Prince.

The german was led by Mr. Edward P. Bailey, gracefully assisted by Miss Pleasants, his partner for the evening, and a number of intricate figures served to sustain the reputation Mr. Bailey has acquired as a leader.

The favors were bought in New York city, and were especially appropriate, showing careful selection and good taste. These were gracefully distributed to the dancers throughout the evening, and occasioned much merriment and delight on the part of the recipients. Especial mention might be made of the Christmas stockings, "hobby horses," false-faces, fireflies, whistles, bells and dainty little folding Oriental lanterns. During the evening delicious refreshments were served to the guests, and only the approach of dawn served to remind them of the necessity for concluding the merriment and draw the curtain on what is generally conceded to have been perhaps the most successful event in the history of the club.

Those present and dancing were: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Prince; Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Northrop; Mr. Hargrove Taylor with Miss Eleanor Gilchrist; Mr. Thos. H. Wright with Miss Sarah Maffitt; Mr. L. deK. Belden with Miss Del. Burbank; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pleasants; Mr. C. C. Brown, Jr., with Miss B. Broadfoot; Mr. C. M. Hardin with Miss Eugie Woodruff; Mr. J. H. Durham, Jr., with Miss Isabel Smallbones; Mr. L. J. Poisson with Miss E. Emerson; Mr. S. B. Harper with Miss Juliet Albright; Mr. M. B. Rahm with Miss Nellie Savage; Edward P. Bailey with Miss Pleasants; H. G. Latimer, Jr., with Mrs. Latimer; Mr. John R. Murchison with Miss Jannie Murchison; Mr. I. B. Grainger with Miss Marie Grainger; Mr. T. S. James with Miss Margaret Boatwright; Mr. Henry T. Clark with Miss Margaret Smith; Mr. Louis T. Moore with Miss Florence Kidder; Mr. A. M. McKoy with Miss Katie Grainger; Mr. H. C. Calder with Miss Helen Williams; Mr. D. R. Murchison with Miss Eleanor Boatwright; Mr. H. P. West with Miss Etta Brand; Mr. S. T. Pender, of Columbia, S. C., with Miss Theo. Cantwell; Mr. S. L. Pender with Miss Wright; Mr. B. F. Dew with Miss Duralde Borden; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Maffitt; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gwaltney; Mr. H. R. Latimer and Mrs. D. Chisholm; Mr. W. C. Lord with Miss Lucile Skinner; Mr. R. W. Cantwell with Miss Charlotte O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Metts; Mr. J. M. James with Mrs. Walter Sprunt; Mr. and Mrs. Van R. C. King; Mr. Robert W. Strange with Miss Lucianna Poisson; Mr. Geo. W. Long, Jr., of Graham, with Miss Bessie Gore; Mr. R. E. Calder with Miss Sue Brent Prince; Mr. B. H. Bridgers with Miss Helen Strange; Mr. J. N. Huske, Jr., with Miss Elizabeth Bridgers; Mr. W. S. O'B. Robinson with Miss Elise Kidder; Mr. Clayton Smith with Miss Christine Stevenson; Dr. R. B. Seem with Miss Short.

Stags—Mr. Meares Harriss, Mr. J. D. Taylor, Jr., and Mr. John M. Robinson, Mr. H. G. Day, of New York; Mr. James C. Craft, of New York; Mr. Nelson MacRae, Richard L. Meares, Dick Harriss.

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### PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING IN BRUNSWICK YESTERDAY

New Hope Presbyterian church, at Winnabow, was the scene yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock of one of the most beautiful weddings ever solemnized in Brunswick county, when Mr. Edwin Wellington Taylor led to the hymeneal altar Miss Alice Jackson Johnson, the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Johnson, of Winnabow. The church was thronged with relatives and friends from all parts of the county and points outside of the county. The decorations of Southern smilax furnished a fitting setting for the impressive ceremony which was performed by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, this city. The beautiful ring service was used.

Just preceding the entrance of the bridal party, Miss Hazel Nicholson, of Richlands, N. C., sang softly and sweetly "All For You."

Mrs. E. G. Goodman, of Town Creek, presided at the organ, and as the bridal party entered the church she played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." The bride entered upon the arm of her father, who gave her away. She wore a bule traveling suit, with hat and gloves to match and carried a lovely bouquet of violets and lilies of the valley. The maid of honor, Miss Grace Dry, of Albemarle, N. C., wore white, witn hat and gloves to match, and carried a bouquet of carnations.

The bridesmaids were Miss Sadie Freeman, of Latta, S. C.; Miss Eva McGirt, of Maxton; Miss Guilda Moore, of Burgaw, all the young lady attendants being class mates of the bride at the Red Springs Seminary, where she was graduated last Spring. The bridesmaids were white batiste over green, with green panel sash and wore black picture hats. Mr. B. W. Newkirk, Jr., of Wilmington, was best man, and the groomsmen were Mr. Shepard Russell, of Maxton; Mr. Henry B. Mercer, of Wilmington, and Mr. Leon Henry, of Winnabow.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor drove to Wilmington and were greeted at the ferry by a large number of friends, who were unable to attend the wedding. They left on the 7 o'clock train for Baltimore and Washington, and on their way home will stop for a few days in Norfolk, Va. They will be at home in about ten days at Winnabow, where Mr. Taylor is engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is one of Brunswick county's most prominent young men, and has many friends in Wilmington, as well as throughout his county, who will extend to him their heartiest congratulations. His bride is a most attractive and accomplished young lady and her friends are limited only by her acquaintance.

Among those present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gill, of Henderson, Mrs. Gill being a sitser of the groom; Mrs. D. L. Russell, Mrs. E. W. Sawyer, Miss Alice Sawyer and Mr. Dan Sawyer, of Bellville, Brunswick county; C. Ed. Taylor, Esq., of Southport, and Mr. J. Mercer Taylor, of Wilmington, brothers of the groom; Mr. W. D. McCaig and Mrs. J. S. Crowley, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Johnson gave a delightful reception at her hospitable home Tuesday night, in honor of the bridal party. The color scheme of white and green was admirably carried out. A sumptuous supper was served and the evening was a most delightful one in every respect. One of the most enjoyable features and one which created considerable merriment, was the cutting of the cake. Miss Dry cut the thimble; Miss Sawyer the dime and Miss Nicholson the ring.

## PERSONAL. PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. A. H. Corbett, of Ivanhoe, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

—Mr. J. J. Loughlin, a prominent citizen of Southport, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

—Among the guests at The Orton yesterday were R. W. Powell, Punta Gordo, Fla., and J. K. Council, of Wananish.

—Rev. J. R. Marshall, of Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, is in the city on a short visit to relatives and friends.

—Capt. John H. Devereux, United States inspector of public buildings, has returned to the city and is a guest at The Orton.

—Mrs. S. L. Branch, of Charlotte, has arrived to be with her husband, Detective Branch, who is doing special work in this city.

—Among last evening's arrivals at The Orton were W. H. Eaton, Raleigh; A. P. Foy, and R. B. Lee, Pollocksville; N. W. Cobb, Durham, and R. B. Boney, Marion, S. C.

—Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton were Homer G. Day, New York; W. H. Pyke, Southport; G. H. Stone, Charleston; F. L. Ford, Whiteville; W. C. Via, Wadesboro, and Wm. A. Robertson, Goldsboro.

—Mr. H. G. Bowden, field secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the Carolinas with headquarters in Charlotte, who spent Christmas with relatives in this city, will leave this morning to resume his work. He expects to return to Wilmington for the aviation meet Monday.

—Mr. Joe C. Vereen, who is now located at Lumberton, N. C., as cross-tie inspector for the firm of G. T. and W. J. Flynn, of this city, spent the holiday here with friends and relatives. The many friends of Mr. Vereen were pleased to have him at home again. He returned to Lumberton Wednesday morning.

## LOCAL DOTS.

—A head-on collision between two shifting engines of the Seaboard and Coast Line occurred Tuesday on the connecting lines of the two roads near the foot of Nutt street. As a result of the accident the pilots of both engines were demolished.

—Many Wilmington friends will learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. John T. Marley, relict of the late Dr. John T. Marley, of Baltimore, Md. The sad intelligence was conveyed in a message received yesterday by Mrs. Fred Burns, her sister.

—A man by the name of Tinda, who lives on the Castle Haynes road, called upon police headquarters yesterday and reported that a German by the name of George Montrez, who cannot speak a word of English, left his house Tuesday and carried with him a number of articles that did not belong to him.

—Articles of incorporation of the Carolina-Florida Fish Company were received at the office of Clerk of Superior Court yesterday. The authorized capital stock is $50,000, but may begin business on $2,100, which amount has been subscribed by the incorporators, Messrs. J. A. Price, W. F. Powell and Ed Taylor.

—Dock Robinson, colored, was shot and seriously wounded by a negro named Lee, while the two were hunting a short distance from the city Tuesday. It is claimed the shooting was accidental. Robinson was carried to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where it was found necessary to remove one of his eyes.

—Mayor Smith yesterday afternoon issued a permit for the paving of the sidewalk on the west side of Third street, from Market and Dock, with granolithic. Ed Swann, colored, has the contract. The property abutting the sidewalk in that block is owned by Miss Rowe Wiggins and Mr. S. M. Boatwright and Mrs. J. Hal Boatwright. Work of paving the sidewalk will begin in a few days.

**"The Harbor of Love."**

Latest ballad, the hit of New York, at The Grand Theatre today. Mr. Morgan will sing it. **

**Ladies and Gents.**

Solid gold, gold filled and silver watches one of my specialties. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler. de 3-tf.

## ..Theatrical..

A play that will be welcomed here is James Forbes' comedy, "The Chorus Lady." The piece is so good that it made a big success even in London, after the failure of half a dozen other American successes.

Mr. Forbes, who is the author of "The Traveling Salesman" and "The Commuters," has created a new character to the stage in Patricia O'Brien, one that will live for a long time. A novel feature of the play is the second act, which shows the chorus room of the Broadway Theatre, New York, with the show girls of a big musical production "making up" for the performance. In this act are some of the brightest lines of the piece and in which "Pat" "gets back" at some of her enemies. The production will be of unusual merit and the company one of the best. This superb attraction will be offered for matinee and night Saturday at the Academy. Seats for both performances will go on sale at Plummer's tomorrow.

The prices for this attraction will be: Night, all seats down stairs, $1; balcony, $1, 75 nd 50 cents. Only box seats, $1.50. Matinee prices, 25 and 50 cents.

**Popular Prices All Next Week.**

The Academy next week will offer popular prices, and such a well known popular price attraction as it will be It will be the Four-Pickerts, Wilmington's favorite popular price company, which will be seen in a repertoire of brand new plays, and a fine selection, too, and between acts will be presented polite and up-to-date vaudeville. In this line the Pickerts themselves, headed by clever, dashing Blanche Pickert, will not be found wanting, but will shine brightly, offering some of the swellest of the swell in the way of new vaudeville acts.

The company will open its engagement on New Year's Day, Monday, and hence will offer two performances in celebration of the gala and happy event. A special matinee will be presented, which will, no doubt, attract a large audience. Popular prices will prevail all week, and seats for the opening performance, Monday night, will go on sale at Plummer's Saturday morning.

**Big Bill at Bijou.**

The Bijou today will offer a really wonderful bill, as it will run not only the entire gamut of human emotion, but will present a big educational film, such as the Bijou is famed for. This photoplay is one of live interest and will add much zest to today's Bijou bill, which is still of gay holiday calibre, in festive honor of the Christmas season. Comedy plays a strong part in today's bill, and will be headed by the great film success, "An Actor in a New Role." It is a scream for laughter and it deals with a stage character, which is ever fascinating. However, this particular Thespian proves unsuccessful at his profession and goes into the book agent's business and the disguises he assumes in order to reach people are not only ludicrous, but his ingenuity is really attractive. A stirring dramatic film is on tapis in "A Man for All That." It is a thriller, but it teaches a big double moral. First, it shows where despondency leads to and second that there is a future left for all men—that is the plucky, persevering men. The big educational film is "The Crab Industry" and it shows all the workings, picturing the industry from the time the crabs are caught until they are canned. The other films are also fine ones, and the music for today will be new and superb.

**At The Grand Theatre**

Two big comedies on a single reel and "A Girlish Impulse," telling the story of how a fair maid fooled the machinations of a disappointed lover, the latter a Lubin and the former, Essanay photoplays, will go a long ways towards dispelling the after-Christmas gloom at The Grand Theatre today. The comedies are "Gee Whiz," in which wifey returns unexepectedly upon "hubby" who has been left in charge of affairs at home and who has been having a good time, and "Showing Uncle," a story of seeing the city sights and what came of it. In addition to these Mr. Morgan will sing "The Harbor of Love," which is the latest thing in New York and which will be especially pleasing to all who have heard this favorite singer entertain at The Grand. Although the weather man promises crisp, cold weather for today, this possesses no terrors for Grand patrons for in this house everything is kept delightfully comfortable and pleasant, it matters not how the thermometer may be ranging on the outside. The orchestra as usual will be on hand and all in all people will find more for their money at The Grand Theatre than possibly anywhere else in the United States.

### FIND TREASURE TROVE.

**Good Luck of Lads in Jacksonville, Fla.—"Treasure Island."**

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27.—Wild dreams of buried treasures which followed the reading of Stevenson's "Treasure Island," and other fiction of like character, have been realized, if the story told by Loring E. Hewen, the 17-year-old son of Prof. Shelby E. Hewen, vice president and general manager of Masey's Business College in this city, is true.

Hewen, with John F. King, 18 years old, a son of W. J. King, a pilot at Maniport, where ships enter the St. John's river from the Atlantic ocean, claim to have located the treasure on Fanning Island, buried in an iron chest of about one cubic foot in size, some five or six feet under the sand. They say the treasure was located with the aid of a chart, found in the walls of the old shell house on Fort George's Island, a relic of Spanish rule in Florida. Giving credence to their story, they have shown a part of the gold, silver and copper coins found in the chest, bearing Spanish markings and dates of more than a century ago. Those who have seen the coins estimate their value at about $150,000.

Starkville, Miss., Dec. 27.—Sixteen members of the Mississippi A. & M. College football squad left here yesterday for Havana, Cuba, for a game on New Year's day with the Cuban Athletic Club. They will travel in a special car via Montgomery and Jacksonville, taking a steamer at Tampa for Havana. The team is under the direction of W. D. Chadwick, athletic director.

GET A STIEFF FOR AN XMAS PRESENT THE PIANO WITH THE SWEET TONE. STANDS THIS CLIMATE BEST AND LASTS A LIFE-TIME.

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**CHAS. M. STIEFF**

No. 213 Princess Street. S. R. COLEY, Manager.

### STATE'S FRUIT RESOURCES.

**Horticulturalist Hutt Issues Letter to Growers in North Carolina.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—State Horticulturalist W. N. Hutt has just issued a significant open letter to fruit growers and others in this State relative to the superb showing that North Carolina had in prize-winning at the National Horticultural Congress held this year at St. Joseph, Mo., November 23rd to December 3rd, when North Carolina for the third time took first place in the production of fruits, nuts and vegetables. Mr. Hutt says:

"It is gratifying to know that this has been made possible only by the earnest and enthusiastic co-operation of our growers. The quality of the fruit this year at both the State Fair and the National show bore every evidence of improvement in cultural methods. Not only was this true of individual specimens, but the fact of our taking first place in the commercial five-box class at St. Joseph shows that North Carolina can hold her own in the production of apples for market purposes as well as for exhibition. Many people from other sections of the country, who have hitherto thought of our State as a vast producer of corn, cotton, tobacco and other staple farm crops, have looked with wonder and surprise at our horticultural products. The interest displayed by these people lends new encouragement toward the still greater development of these resources."

Mr. Hutt includes in the open letter the detail list of the North Carolina winnings at the National Congress from the grand sweepstakes trophy for the largest and best horticultural display by any State, to the best exhibit of home made by-products, there being 45 winnings in 15 different classes of exhibits.

### DISCHARGED BEFORE STRIKE

**Florida East Coast Turns Tables on Its Firemen**

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27.—Discharged before they struck was the experience of 18 firemen and 18 hostlers of the Florida East Coast Railway, who demanded more pay and an independent contract in substitution for an engineer's contract under which they were employed. This was the substance of a statement given out by President J. R. Parrott, of the road, this morning.

The men made known their demands to President Parrott yesterday and when refused voted to strike at 4 o'clock. They were discharged immediately following their demand and new men took their places. All trains were running today over the entire system, but each engineer's cab carried a deputy sheriff to prevent any disturbance. So far no violence has been reported. The railroad officials expect no serious trouble and will continue to operate, they say, with the new men.

### NO DANGER OF LYNCHING

**Accused Assailants of Farmer to Be Given Another Hearing**

Charlotte, Dec. 27.—Reports from Shelby, N. C., this morning state that there is no fear of violence to the three negroes arrested yesterday for an assault upon William Kendrick a Cleveland county farmer.

Three more negroes are said to have been arrested as suspects in the crime and are now on the way to Shelby, where another preliminary hearing is to be held today.

It was feared yesterday that a lynching might come out of the trouble, following so closely on the double murder in the same community recently of John Dixon and his wife.

Mr. Kendrick's barn was burned by his assailants following the attack upon him on Monday night.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 27.—Deeply grateful for the clemency shown him by Governor Emmett O'Neal on Christmas in granting him a pardon from the penitentiary, but feeling somewhat aggrieved over the loss of a leg, Charles Schaeffer hobbled into Governor O'Neal's office last evening and asked for a wooden leg. He said that while serving the State as a convict laborer in Flat Top mine he lost his leg. He thinks that the State should reimburse him by buying a wooden leg.

New York, Dec. 27.—Summing up in the trial growing out of the Triangle Waist Company fire for which Max Blanck and Isaac Harris, proprietors of the shirtwaist factory, are charged with manslaughter, was commenced today and the jury may render its verdict by nightfall. One hundred and forty-seven lives were lost in the fire.

### CAROLINIANS GET PART.

**Million and Half Estate Left by Wealthy Hotel Man.**

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—Charity gets the bulk of the $1,500,000 estate of the late John W. Hunt, millionaire owner of hotels in various parts of the United States. Hunt's will was filed for probate here today.

John Harris, of Jacksonville, and Robert L. Lucas, of Dallas, are named as executors and instructed by the will to establish various charitable institutions, the names of which are withheld.

The beneficiaries named in the papers probated follow:

Bunyan Lucas, 100 acres of land near Shawnee, Okla., and $1,000 in cash; John Bunyan Lucas, $10,000; Robert Lee Lucas, $20,000; Charles P. Lucas, Atlanta, $5,000; Henry G. Lucas, Fort Worth, $10,000; John P. Lucas, Charlotte, N. C. $10000; Ambrose Lucas, Highlands, N. J., $10,000; Theodore Lucas, Charlotte, N. C., $10,000; Lois Lucas, Charlotte, $20,000; Rosamond Lucas, Charlotte, $20,000; Mrs. Monticello Lucas (no address given) $5,000; Ruth Peak, Ontario, Ont., $200.

### KAPPA ALPHA CONVENTION.

**Holding Twenty-Sixth Convention at New Orleans.**

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—The 26th biennial convention of the Kappa Alpha fraternity began here this morning with an address of welcome by Dr. E. B. Craighead, of Tulane University. Judge Ed C. Smith, of Raleigh, N. C., knight commander, is presiding. Among the questions to be considered at the convention is whether the fraternity shall be extended beyond the Southern States. For years there has been a strong sentiment for an extension into Northern colleges, but this has been defeated several times.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Scientific progress in the United States along every important line of endeavor will be reviewed in Washington this week in the annual meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, opening today. Over thirty national societies covering all fields of economy and scientific work are in session and the programme include among the speakers many of the leading scientists of the country.

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### TAKEN TO MEXICO.

**General Reyes is Being Quietly Hurried Southward.**

Monterey, Mexico, Dec. 27.—Heavily guarded and on his way to the capital to answer the charge of sedition, General Bernardo Reyes is being hurried southward tonight through towns whose inhabitants have been kept in ignorance of his passage. So nicely was his departure from Linares timed that only a small portion of the population was aware of it, and in Monterey, his old home, possible trouble was avoided by routing his car around the city.

**Will Not Insist Upon Death.**

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 27.—That President Madero will not insist upon the death of Reyes and his followers was shown today when the father of David Reyes Retana obtained executive clemency for his son. Young Retana was a prominent lawyer here until he took up the fight with Reyes. He was captured at Burgeos, Tamaulipas. Hearing of his son's predicament, the father went to Madero today and stated after the conference that the president had promised to spare his son's life.

It has been definitely determined that General Alejandeil Pezo will be the presiding officer at the court martial. Two other generals of divisions will be named.

### NITRO-GLYCERINE FOUND

**Expert Removes Charge Left by Burglars Scared Off**

Warrensburg, Mo., Dec. 27.—Joy came to Postmaster Smith here when an expert opened the safe which had been standing in the postoffice nearly a week with an unexploded charge of nitro-glycerine around th ecracks of its doors. Several thousand dollars in stamps and money in the safe were undisturbed.

No one had been found who cared to risk opening the safe until the expert arrived. He neutralized the nitro-glycerine by pouring over it a chemical solution, afterward exploding a dynamite cap on the door to prove that the glycerine had been rendered harmless.

The nitro-glycerine was poured into the safe by burglars who were frightened away before they completed their work.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Ten inmates of the Berlin municipal institution for the homeless died during the night from poison which was concealed in some of the food served to them at a charity Christmas dinner last night. Of the other diners a considerable number are dying or seriously ill from the same poison. The dinner was served in the hall of the institution, but according to the authorities, the poison was contained in a portion of the feast collected outside.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Jesse Westergard won his match with Zbyszko, the wrestler tonight. The latter agreed to throw Westergard twice in an hour, but did not gain a fall. Westergard was on the aggressive most of the time and on two occasions had his opponent in a position from which he extricated himself with difficulty. In the last ten minutes of the match Westergard had all the best of it. When time was called he had Zbyszko in a dangerous position.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Policemen William Ahearn and John Flynn were searching a house in Fay street today for aPul Lutz, suspected of having committed a murderous assault upon a woman when an explosion wrecked the building and hurled the officers into the street. The body of Lutz was found in the debris. Ahearn was badly burned and bruised but Flynn escaped with a few bruises.

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# Financial and Commercial

## COTTON MARKET MORE ACTIVE

### But Was Unsettled With Irregular Fluctuations Caused by Conflicting Reports—British Labor Situation

New York, Dec. 27.—The cotton market was more active today, but continued very much unsettled, with fluctuations irregular, owing, chiefly, to conflicting reports regarding the labor situation in British mill circles. The close was steady, at a net advance of 2@10 points.

The market opened steady at a decline of 4@6 points in response to lower Liverpool cables and reports that a lockout in Lancashire would commence tonight. It seemed, however, that the news in this respect had failed to create as much aggressive selling, either here or in Liverpool, as local bears had expected, and the market firmed up right after the call on covering of shorts, buying by foreign houses, and support from leading trade sources. A flurry of covering by belated December shorts undoubtedly inspired some of the buying of later months, while the demand also had the encouragement of talk of steadier spot markets and claims that recent unfavorable weather in the South would lead to smaller ginning returns early next month. A few stop orders were uncovered to the advance, which carried prices up to a net gain of 14 points on December, and of 7@9 points on later deliveries, but after these orders had been executed and rumors of a settlement of the English labor troubles had been followed by official reports that British spinners had agreed to curtail production by shutting down three days per week, becoming effective immediately the shut out of the weavers began, the market turned a shade easier, under realizing by early buyers, and a renewal of local pressure. The close was 5 or 6 points off from the best on most of the active months. December was relatively firm all day, but also reacted slightly in the late trading. Next Friday will be the last notice day for December contracts. Colder weather was reported in the South, with continued but lighter precipitation.

Receipts today, 80,948 against 72,413 last week, and 71,148 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans, 10,188, against 18,636 last year; at Galveston, 11,636, against 16,500 last year, and at Houston, 17,811 against 13,081 last year.

Spot, quiet, 10 points higher; middling uplands, 9.50; do. gulf, 9.75; sales, 6,200 bales.

Futures closed steady.

| Month: | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan | 8.69 | 8.82 | 8.69 | 8.78 |
| Feb | 8.75 | 8.90 | 8.87 | 8.86 |
| Mar | 8.84 | 8.98 | 8.84 | 8.94 |
| Apr | .... | 8.93 | .... | 8.99 |
| May | 8.98 | 9.10 | 8.97 | 9.06 |
| June | .... | .... | .... | 9.11 |
| July | 9.07 | 9.21 | 9.08 | 9.18 |
| Aug | 9.07 | 9.22 | 9.09 | 9.20 |
| Sept | .... | 9.20 | .... | 9.25 |
| Oct | 9.20 | 9.32 | 9.20 | 9.29 |
| Nov | 9.24 | 9.28 | 9.24 | 9.33 |
| Dec | 9.05 | 9.26 | 9.17 | 9.23 |

### THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 9¼; net receipts, 11,636; gross receipts, 11,636; sales, 1,033; stock, 433,386.

New Orleans—Quiet and firm, 9¼; net receipts, 10,188; gross receipts, 10,638; sales, 430; stock, 292,736; France, 5,000; continent, 14,500.

Mobile—Net receipts, 5,934; gross receipts, 5,934; stock, 95,536; coastwise, 450.

Savannah—Dull, 8 11-16; net receipts, 17,851; gross receipts, 17,851; sales, 1,361; stock, 297,956; coastwise, 2,106.

Charleston—Steady, 8⅝; net receipts, 1,057; gross receipts, 1,057; stock, 44,090; coastwise, 4,807.

Wilmington—Dull, 8⅝; net receipts, 419; gross receipts, 419; stock, 13,953.

Norfolk—Steady, 8⅝; net receipts, 8,015; gross receipts, 8,015; sales, 1,919; stock, 53,143; coastwise, 7,228.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9⅝; stock, 5,236.

New York—Quiet, 9.50; net receipts, 43; gross receipts, 9,111; sales, 6,200; stock, 175,107; Great Britain, 845; continent, 600; coastwise, 931.

Boston—Quiet, 9.50; net receipts, 287; gross receipts, 3,975; stock, 10,530; Great Britain, 5,702.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.75; gross receipts, 100; stock, 3,857; continent, 150.

Texas City—Net receipts, 9,151; gross receipts, 9,151; stock, 91,282.

Brunswick—Stock, 11,685.

Gulfport—Stock, 9,848.

San Francisco—Net receipts, 16,367; gross receipts, 16,367; Japan, 16,367.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 80,948; Great Britain, 6,547; France, 5,000; continent, 15,250; Japan, 16,367; stock, 1,538,445.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 213,141; Great Britain, 51,717; France, 50,595; continent, 100,622; Japan, 23,353.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 7,001,961; Great Britain, 2,088,063; France, 632,341; continent, 2,053,098; Japan, 170,847; Mexico, 3,235.

### INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 9¼; net receipts, 17,811; gross receipts, 17,811; shipments, 13,323; sales, 555; stock, 188,592.

Augusta—Steady, 9; net receipts, 3,826; gross receipts, 4,147; shipments, 671; sales, 5; stock, 95,438.

Memphis—Quiet, 9⅝; net receipts, 3,967; gross receipts, 5,000; shipments, 4,551; sales, 2,850; stock, 204,156.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9⅝; stock, 26,911.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 2,125; gross receipts, 2,125; shipments, 2,371; stock, 11,206.

Little Rock—Quiet, 9; net receipts, 1,597; gross receipts, 1,597; shipments, 1,783; stock, 44,025.

Louisville—Firm, 9⅝.

Total today—Net receipts, 20,326; gross receipts, 30,680; shipments, 22,609; sales, 3,410; stock, 570,388.

### CHICAGO GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Black rust attacking the vital part of the Argentine crop, that sown in the rich provinces to the South, gave sudden strength today to the market for wheat. Closing prices were up 1 to 1⅛ higher than last night. Corn showed a net gain of ⅜@½ to 1⅛@1⅜, and oats an advance of ⅝@¾ to 1@1⅛. Latest trading left hog products varying from unchanged figures to 7½c. higher.

Wheat—No. 2, red, 96@97; No. 3, red, 94@96; No. 2, hard, 97@1.01; No. 3, hard, 95@98; No. 1, northern, 1.07@1.09; No. 2, northern, 1.04@1.08; No. 3, northern, 1.00@1.05; No. 2, Spring, 96@1.02; No. 3, Spring, 95@1.00; No. 4, Spring, 85@98; velvet chaff, 90@1.04; durum, 90@1.00.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, old, 72; No. 3, 61¼@61½; No. 3, yellow, 61½@62; No. 4, 58@59; No. 4, white, 58½@59; No. 4, yellow, 58@59½.

Oats—No. 2, white, 48@48½; No. 3, white, 46¾@47¼; No. 4, 44; No. 4, white, 44@46½; standard, 47@47¾.

| Wheat: | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec | 94½ | 95 | 94 | 94⅞ |
| May | 98½ | 99½ | 98¼ | 99 |
| Jan | 93⅞ | 94½ | 93⅞ | 94⅜ |
| Corn: | | | | |
| Dec | 63⅜ | 65⅛ | 63½ | 65⅛ |
| May | 63⅝ | 64⅛ | 63½ | 64⅛ |
| Jan | 63⅝ | 64⅛ | 63½ | 64⅛ |
| Oats: | | | | |
| Dec | 45⅝ | 46⅜ | 45⅝ | 46⅜ |
| May | 46⅝ | 47⅝ | 46½ | 47⅝ |
| July | 43 | 43¾ | 42⅞ | 43¾ |
| Mess Pork, per bbl.: | | | | |
| Jan | 15.55 | 15.60 | 15.55 | 15.55 |
| May | 16.05 | 16.05 | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| July | 16.17 | 16.17 | 16.12 | 16.12 |
| Lard, per 100 lbs.: | | | | |
| Jan | 9.17½ | 9.20 | 9.05 | 9.17½ |
| May | 9.45 | 9.45 | 9.42 | 9.42½ |
| July | 9.55 | 9.55 | 9.52½ | 9.52½ |
| Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.: | | | | |
| May | 8.67½ | 8.67½ | 8.62½ | 8.62½ |
| July | 8.70 | 8.70 | 8.67½ | 8.67½ |

### WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)
Wilmington, Dec. 26.

All grades steady and quiet.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.25; machine-picked, $1.20.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, 95c.; machine-picked, 90c.

Virginia—Prime hand-picked, 75c.; machine-picked, 70c.

## MARINE.

### MARINE DIRECTORY.

**List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.**

**Steamers.**

Nederland (Dutch), 2,588 tons, Boere, Heide & Co.

Indian Monarch (Br.), 2,818 tons, Wood, H. A. Whyte.

Hillmere (Br.), 2,239 tons, Griffiths, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Runswick (Br.), 1,940 tons; Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Belle Isle (Fr.), 1,382 tons, St. Martan, Heide & Co.

Bengrove (Br.), 2,389 tons, Barber, Heide & Co.

**Schooners.**

Wm. Thomas Moore, 261 tons, Jones, C. D. Mafflitt.

Warren B. Potter, 311 tons, Hammett, C. D. Mafflitt.

Eliza A. Scribner, 350 tons, Dodd, C. D. Mafflitt.

Mineola (Br.), 270 tons, Forsythe, C. D. Mafflitt.

Sylvia C. Hall, 285 tons, Sprague, C. D. Mafflitt.

Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett, C. D. Mafflitt.

Stephen G. Loud, 40 tons, Hart, C. D. Mafflitt; in distress.

### BY RIVER AND RAIL.

**Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at Port of Wilmington.**

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 27th.

Atlantic Coast Line—238 bales cotton; 187 barrels rosin; 4 barrels tar; 15 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—181 bales cotton; 5 casks spirits turpentine; 6 barrels tar.

Str. Black River—9 casks spirits turpentine.

Total—419 bales cotton; 14 casks spirits turpentine; 187 barrels rosin; 10 barrels tar; 15 barrels crude turpentine.

Total last year—4,070 bales cotton; 32 barrels tar; 31 barrels crude turpentine.

### NEW YORK PRODUCE.

New York, Dec. 27.—Flour was quiet, but steady.

Rye Flour—Quiet.

Buckwheat Flour—Dull.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Rye—Steady.

Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 2, red, 64¾, elevator, export basis, and 98¼ f.o.b. afloat; options closed ⅞ net higher. December, 97¼; May, 1.03 3-16.

Corn—Spot, firm; export, new, 69 f.o.b. afloat. Futures, nominal. December, 72½.

Oats—Easy. Standard white, 52½, in elevator; No. 2, 53; futures, nominal.

Pork—Steady.

Beef—Firm.

Cut Meats—Steady.

Lard—Steady.

Tallow—Steady.

Petroleum—Steady.

Molasses—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Rice—Firm.

Sugar—Raw and refined, quiet.

Coffee—Futures closed steady, net 1 point lower to 10 points higher. Spot, quiet. Rio, No. 7, 14½; Santos, No. 4, 15¾; mild, quiet; Cordova, 16½@18½, nominal.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Firm.

Eggs—Firmer.

Potatoes—Steady; European, per 168 lbs., 2.10@2.40.

Cabbages—Quiet and unchanged.

Freights—Steady. Cotton by steam to Liverpool, 35 cents. Peanuts, unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Moderately active, with prices lower, under selling against easier crude markets, expectation of liberal tenders tomorrow on January contract and continued dullness in outside trade. Spot closed 19 points net lower. December, 11 points lower and later deliveries, 3@5 points lower. Dec., 5.26@5.40; Jan., 5.29@5.30; Feb., 5.31@5.33; Mar., 5.35@5.36; Apr., 5.37@5.39; prime crude, 4.13; sales, prime Summer yellow, 5.20@5.40; prime Winter yellow, 5.50@5.90; prime Summer white, 5.30 bid.

### WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 27.

**SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady,** 48¼ cents.

ROSIN—Steady, $6.20.

**TAR—Firm at $1.80 per barrel.**

**CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.50 per barrel for hard; $4.50 for dip, and $4.50 for virgin.**

**Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin, nothing doing; tar, firm, $2.60; crude turpentine, firm, at $4.50@$6.00.**

**Receipts:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Spirits Turpentine | 14 |
| Rosin | 187 |
| Tar | 10 |
| Crude Turpentine | 15 |

Receipts same day last year, 32 barrels tar; 31 barrels crude turpentine.

### COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8¾.

Same day last year, nothing doing.

Receipts, 419 bales; same day last year, 4,070 bales.

### PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 16.)

CORN—Firm; .85 to .87½c. per bu.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bu.

**POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, 80c. per bu.; yams, 60c. per bu.**

BEEF—On foot, dull, .03@.04 per lb.

PORK—7c. to 9c.

WOOL—Burry, .11@.12c. per lb.; free of burr, 17 to 18 per lb.

**HIDES—Green, .08 to .08½ per lb.; dry, 14 to 15c. per lb.**

**NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 14c. per lb.**

**BEESWAX—Firm; .27 per lb.**

**TALLOW—Firm; .04½@.05 per lb.**

POULTRY — Turkeys, 18c. on foot. Chickens, grown, 40 to 45 per head; chickens, spring, 20@40c. per head. Geese, 65 to 70c. per head.

SHEEP—No sales.

EGGS—Fair demand, 24@25 per doz.

### NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 27.—Turpentine, firm, 50; sales, 50; receipts, 4.45; shipments, 16; stocks, 33,878.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 1,567; receipts, 1,472; shipments, 1,102; stocks, 133,335. Quote: B, 6.80; D, 6.90; E, 6.85; F, 7.00; G, 6.95@7.00; H, 6.97½@7.00; I, 7.00; K, 7.20; M, 7.30; N, 7.40; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

New York, Dec. 27.—Rosin, steady. Turpentine, quiet.

Charleston, Dec. 27.—Turpentine and rosin, unchanged.

### MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27.—Money on call, steady, at 3½@4 per cent.; ruling rate, 3¾; closing bid, 3½; offered at 3¾. Time loans, easier; sixty days, 4 per cent. and ninety days, 3¾@4 per cent; six months, 3¾@4.

Prime mercantile paper, 4¼@4½; sterling exchange, weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.83 for sixty day bills, and at 4.85@85 for demand. Commercial bills, 4.82¼; bar silver, 54½; Mexican dollars, 46.

### DRY GOODS.

New York, Dec. 27.—The cotton goods markets are quiet nd generally steady. Fancy hosiery for Spring use is being sold more freely. Fancy overcoatings for Fall have been opened for Fall, 1912, at prices showing some reductions and few advances. Cotton yarns are quiet; worsted yarns, firm.

**Ends Winter's Troubles.**

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## LITTLE CHANGES IN STOCKS

### Price Levels for Standards Barely Disturbed Till Near Day's Close. Selling Was Short—The Leading Issues.

New York, Dec. 27.—The price-levels for most of the standard stocks was barely disturbed during today's trading until shortly before the close of the market. A selling movement was begun at that time and a number of leading issues including Union Pacific, Reading, Canadian Pacific, United States Steel and American Smelting were depressed a point or so below the previous close.

The movement bore the ear-marks of short selling. There was nothing in the day's news to supply impetus to the movement, and to all appearances trading remined in the hands of the professional element.

The distinctive movements of the day, prior to the sharp depression toward the close, were among the specialties. One of the most prominent was International Mercantile Marine, which shared to a larger extent in the trading than for many months. Both classes of stock, as well as the bonds, were strong. The buying came largely from London, nd was reported to be based on steps taken by the company to enter more largely in the American Domestic trade. National Biscuit was forced up more than three points, and North American, Great Northern Ore, and some of the Copper and Steel stocks rose a point or more. The afternoon decline, however, either cancelled the gains or reduced them largely. Among the railroad stocks pressure against Union Pacific was noticeable. Lack of support for this stock supplied an incentive for the selling of other prominent railroad issues. Lehigh Valley was the only one of the leaders to move far in the fore part of the day, but its gain of nearly two points was lost in the afternoon decline. Rock Island's movement attracted some attention because of the unfavorable November report of the system. Although the loss in net revenue was well above $500,000, the stock developed strength, the preferred issue moving up 1⅝. The lull in the buying of steel products such as is usual at this period of the year, has not occurred and large orders have been received this week. New Orders of the United States Steel Corporation at present are placed at more than 50,000 daily, which is considerably in excess of the present rate of production.

The tone of the money market was easier. The bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,361,000. United States bonds, unchanged, on call. Total sales, today, 295,700.

### CLOSING STOCK LIST.

| | |
|---|---|
| Allis-Chalmers, pfd | 7⅝ |
| Amalgamated Copper | 66½ |
| American Agricultural | 62⅞ |
| American Beet Sugar | 56½ |
| American Can | 10⅝ |
| American Car and Foundry | 54 |
| American Cotton Oil | 46⅛ |
| American Hide and Leather, pfd | 23 |
| American Ice Securities | 18⅛ |
| American Linseed | 11½ |
| American Locomotive | 35½ |
| American Smelting and Refining | 72⅜ |
| American Smelting and Refining, pfd | 102½ |
| American Steel Foundries | 33 |
| American Sugar Refining | 115 |
| American Tel and Tel | 139⅜ |
| American Tobacco, pfd | 102¾ |
| American Woolen | 25 |
| Anaconda Mining Co | 38¼ |
| Atchison | 106 |
| Atchison, pfd | 104 |
| Atlantic Coast Line | 134½ |
| Baltimore and Ohio | 102¾ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 31½ |
| Brooklyn Rapid Transit | 76¼ |
| Canadian Pacific | 241¼ |
| Central Leather | 21 |
| Central Leather, pfd | 91 |
| Central of New Jersey | 318 |
| Chesapeake and Ohio | 74⅜ |
| Chicago and Alton | 24 |
| Chicago Great Western | 18 |
| Chicago Great Western, pfd | 25¾ |
| Chicago and North Western | 142½ |
| Chicago, Mil, and St. Paul | 110⅛ |
| C., C., C. and St. Louis | 63 |
| Colorado Fuel and Iron | 27 |
| Colorado and Southern | 48 |
| Consolidated Gas | 138 |
| Corn Products | 10⅛ |
| Delaware & Hudson | 167 |
| Denver and Rio Grande | 19½ |
| Denver and Rio Grande, pfd | 39¾ |
| Distillers' Securities | 31 |
| Erie | 31½ |
| Erie, 1st pfd | 52⅜ |
| Erie, 2nd pfd | 42½ |
| General Electric | 153½ |
| Great Northern, pfd | 127⅛ |
| Great Northern Ore Ctfs | 38 |
| Illinois Central | 140 |
| Interborough-Met | 15 |
| Interborough-Met., pfd | 48½ |
| Inter Harvester | 108 |
| Inter-Marine, pfd | 20⅜ |
| International Paper | 9½ |
| International Pump | 32 |
| Iowa Central | 15½ |
| Kansas City Southern | 27½ |
| Kansas City Southern, pfd | 65½ |
| Laclede Gas | 104¾ |
| Louisville and Nashville | 155 |
| Minneapolis and St. Louis | 31 |
| Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie | 134½ |
| Missouri, Kansas and Texas | 28⅞ |
| Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd | 62 |
| Missouri Pacific | 39⅛ |
| National Biscuit | 141½ |
| National Lead | 54¾ |
| Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd | 34½ |
| New York Central | 105½ |
| New York, Ontario and Western | 38¼ |
| Norfolk and Western | 108 |
| North American | 74⅛ |
| Northern Pacific | 117¾ |
| Pacific Mail | 31¼ |
| Pennsylvania | 122¾ |
| People's Gas | 103 |
| Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis | 97 |
| Pittsburg Coal | 18½ |
| Pressed Steel Car | 33 |
| Pullman Palace Car | 158¼ |
| Railway Steel Spring | 30⅝ |
| Reading | 152 |
| Republic Steel | 27 |
| Republic Steel, pfd | 84 |
| Rock Island Co | 23⅞ |
| Rock Island Co., pfd | 46¼ |
| St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd | 40½ |
| St. Louis Southwestern | 30 |
| St. Louis Southwestern, pfd | 70 |
| Sloss-Sheffield Steel nd Iron | 44 |
| Southern Pacific | 112 |
| Southern Railway | 28⅝ |
| Southern Railway, pfd | 71⅜ |
| Tennessee Copper | 38 |
| Texas and Pacific | 20¼ |
| Toledo, St. Louis and Western | 13 |
| Toledo, St. L. and West., pfd | 33½ |
| Union Pacific | 173 |
| Union Pacific, pfd | 92½ |
| United States Realty | 69 |
| United States Rubber | 47⅜ |
| United States Steel | 67⅞ |
| United States Steel, pfd | 111⅛ |
| Utah Copper | 56⅜ |
| Virginia-Carolina Chemical | 54⅝ |
| Wabash | 6⅝ |
| Wabash, pfd | 16⅞ |
| Western Maryland | 60½ |
| Westinghouse Electric | 66 |
| Western Union | 78¼ |
| Wheeling and Lake Erie | 3⅞ |

**Lightning Kills Few.**

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach troubles is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at R. R. Bellamy.

## THE WEATHER.

**United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.**

December 28, 1911.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 65 degrees; at 8 P. M., 53 degrees; maximum, 70 degrees; minimum, 53 degrees; mean, 62 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .07 inch; for the month, 3.38 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 22.5 feet.

**Weather Forecast**

For North Carolina—Fair, colder Thursday, brisk west to northwest winds. Friday fair.

**Port Calendar—Dec. 28.**

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| Sun rises | 7:17 A. M. |
| Sun sets | 5:11 P. M. |
| Day's length | 9 hrs. 54 min. |
| High water at Southport | 12:55 A. M. |
| High water at Wilmington | 3:55 A. M. |

### WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 27, 1911.

| STATIONS: | Weather at 8 P. M. | Temperature: Highest Today | Temperature: Lowest Last Night. | 24-Hour Precipitation 8 P. M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | clear | 36 | 24 | .10 |
| Asheville | snowing | 42 | 42 | .06 |
| Atlanta | clear | 44 | 42 | .38 |
| Augusta | clear | 58 | 56 | .16 |
| Birmingham | clear | 42 | 36 | .01 |
| Boston | cloudy | 46 | 38 | .10 |
| Charleston | clear | 66 | 62 | .04 |
| Charlotte | clear | 56 | 48 | .04 |
| Chicago | clear | 24 | 24 | .01 |
| Galveston | clear | 50 | 40 | .0 |
| Jacksonville | clear | 68 | 66 | .54 |
| Memphis | clear | 36 | 30 | .0 |
| Mobile | pt cldy | 50 | 44 | .01 |
| Montgomery | clear | 48 | 44 | .12 |
| New Orleans | cloudy | 50 | 44 | .01 |
| New York | cloudy | 50 | 38 | .34 |
| Palestine | clear | 42 | 28 | .0 |
| Oklahoma | clear | 32 | 18 | .0 |
| Pittsburg | snowing | 40 | 40 | .06 |
| Raleigh | clear | 68 | 48 | .04 |
| Savannah | clear | 68 | 60 | .30 |
| Shreveport | clear | 44 | 30 | .0 |
| St. Louis | clear | 26 | 24 | .0 |
| Washington | clear | 58 | 42 | .10 |

### LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 27.—Spot, quiet; prices, 4 points lower; American middling fair, 5.65; good middling, 5.27; middling, 5.02; low middling, 4.85; good ordinary, 4.69; ordinary, 4.49.

The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, nd included 4,700 American. Receipts, 11,000 bales including 3,700 American.

Futures opened easier and closed steady. Dec., 4.87½; Dec. and Jan., 4.87; Jan. and Feb., 4.87; Feb. and Mar., 4.89; Mar. and Apr., 4.91; Apr. and May, 4.93½; May and June, 4.96; June and July, 4.98; July and Aug., 5.00½; Aug. and Sept., 5.01; Sept. and Oct., 5.01½; Oct. and Nov., 5.02.

### PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 20.—Spanish—Firm at 80c. per bushel. Virginias—Firm. Jumbo, 4c. per lb. Fancy hnd-picked, 3⅝c. to 3¾c. per lb. Extra prime, 3½c. per lb.; Prime, 3c. per lb.; Machine-Picked, 3c. to 3½c. per lb.

**Snakes for Protection.**

A London scientist has suggested that the custom of keeping house snakes, so prevalent in the tropics, now and in all sections of the world in ancient days, be revived as a precaution against rats that are now proved to be the vehicles of plague germs. The snake is regarded as a much surer exterminator of rats than either terriers or cats.

**The Child's Eyes.**

Long-distance gazing—treated as a pastime—is advised for children showing a tendency to short sight, and the excellent long sight of the sailor and the dweller in the open country is cited as a proof of the efficiency of habitual long-distance gazing.

**A Girl's Superiority.**

No man loafer seems to put the job over with such thorough enjoyment as a girl lolling in a hammock and reading a cheap novel.—Atchison Globe.

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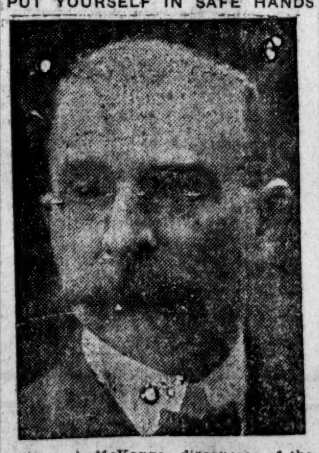

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### NOTICE OF SALE OF CITY PROPERTY.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, made in the cause there pending of E. D. Williston and others against W. J. Perry and others, the lands described in the pleadings will again be offered for sale at the west door of the Court House in the City of Wilmington, N. C., on the 8th day of January, 1912, at 12 o'clock M., described as follows:

A lot on Sixth street, in said city, beginning at a point in the eastern line of said street 132 feet from the southern line of Wooster street, running thence southerly parallel with Sixth street 66 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Wooster street 165 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Sixth street 66 feet, thence parallel with Wooster street westwardly 165 feet to the beginning, being part of lot 3, block 50, according to the plan of said city, said lots fronting on Sixth street, deed July 9th, 1890, Book 5, page 116; lot on Seventh street, as follows:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Seventh street 66 feet from its intersection with the southern line of Wright street, running thence southerly parallel with Seventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Wright street 155 feet to the western line of a lane known as Green's lane, thence northwardly parallel with said lane 33 feet, and thence westwardly parallel with Wright street 155 feet to the beginning, being half of the western half of Lot 2, Block 23.

Terms—One-third cash, balance in two equal installments, with interest from date of sale, and title retained until the full purchase money is paid.

THOMAS H. SUTTON,
Commissioner.

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| Bath Robes | from $4.50 to $6.00 |
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# SITUATION IN THE WARRING NATIONS

(Continued from Page One.)

nate killing of natives in Tabriz and Resht, and of the destruction of Persia's constitutional government under Russian menaces continue to reach England, the people are becoming increasingly disquiet at the government's complicity with the foreign secretary. Sir Edward Grey thinks it a matter of policy, and compelled by the Anglo-Russian agreement.

Doubts also have been increased as to whether Persian independence ever will be restored to even the feeble status it had before this last assault by Russia. If Parliament were sitting there would undoubtedly be severe questioning of the government on this subject and arraignment of the foreign office.

**Mr. Shuster's Successor**

Teheran, Dec. 27.—It is understood that the Regent and Cabinet desire the appointment of the American, F. E. Cairns, the principal assistant of Mr. Shuster, as the new treasurer-general of Persia. It is more likely, however, that M. Mornard, the Belgian ex-director of customs in Persia, who some months ago made himself prominent by his hostility to Mr. Shuster, will receive the position to the British consul at Shiraz.

W. A. Smart, who was wounded in a fight near Kazeroon, is lying in a caravan. Medical assistance has been sent him. The consu was being escorted to his post by one hundred Indian sowars when an attack was made by 800 Kashgai tribesmen. The Indians were forced to retreat to Kazeroon leaving the consul behind and for a time much anxiety was felt concerning his fate. Reinforcements of 15 Sowars have been dispatched from Shoraz to relieve the force at Kazeroon.

**Mongolia Proclaimed Independent.**

Peking, Dec. 28.—2:26 A. M.—Mongolia, which almost equals China, proper, in size, will be proclaimed independent tomorrow, simultaneously with the cutting off from China of the vast dependency of Turkestan.

Both will pass under Russian influence and will practically become Russian protectorates. Russia at any time will be able to annex them. A Grand Kahn will be named as Monarch of Mongolia. The construction of the trans-Mongolian railway for which Russia has long sought permission from China, will now be a matter of time, Europe thereby coming nearer to Pekin by three or four days.

Russian influence will flank the Japanese sphere in Manchuria perilously and a Japanese alliance for the sake of preserving Japanese interests may sooner or later be expected. Russian officers and officials if not the Russian government proper, have influenced this action in Mongolia.

## MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS.

**Grand Jury Returns Indictment for Transactions Several Years Ago.**

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 27.—It developed today that Runcan Mackay, one of the largest real estate owners in Galveston, has been indicted by the October grand jury on charges of misappropriation of funds left by his father as part of an estate valued at $3,000,000 The transactions which led to the indictment date back several years. After long litigation here in the circuit court of Whiteside county, a judgment or nearly $100,000 was issued against Mackay, but before the findings were entered he left the jurisdiction of the court. Duncan Moore, a nephew of Mackay, then went before the grand jury and gave testimony which resulted in the indictment charging his uncle with misappropriation of practically the entire amount of the judgment.

The indictment was suppressed in the hope that Mackay might return to this State, it being generally understood that he was in Europe. Now it is alleged Mackay has returned to the United States but his exact whereabouts are not known.

Mackay is charged in the indictments with having withheld $125,270 from the estate of his father. A judgment for this amount, together with attorney fees of $25,000, was entered in the Whiteside county court in June in favor of Duncan Moore, a nephew, and Simon LeGrew, of Chicago.

## MUST "TAKE MEDICINE"

**Dynamiter Arrested Near Pittsburg May "Squeal" on Others**

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—"I am going to clear myself. I will not take all the blame for this and the rest of them will have to take their medicine along with me," is the utterance credited today to George Bridges, a stranger arrested at Monessen, Pa., while carrying a suit case containing 72 sticks of dynamite and a roll of fuse.

Bridges weakened under the police sweating to which he had been subjected and according to the authorities declared he would make a clean breast of it when taken before a magistrate for a preliminary hearing late this afternoon.

Little is known of the man. He appeared at monessen several weeks ago. Eight thousand non-union men are employed in the mills of this town.

Palo Alton, Cal., Dec. 25.—"A Republican form of government in China would be an absolute failure. It would be a calamity to the Chinese nation if a republic is established." Thus declared Prof. W. G. Batteman, of the Imperial University of China, at Tien Tsin, who arrived yesterday at his home here, having been driven out of China by the revolution.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—The 26th biennial convention of the Kappa Alpha fraternity opened its sessions today with an address of welcome by Dr. E. B. Craighead, of Tulane University. About 300 delegates were present at the opening meeting. Judge Ed C. Smith, of Raleigh, N. C., knight commander, is presiding.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

W. B. Cooper Co.—We Invite.
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## NEGRO MURDERER ARRESTED.

**Shot Baby in Mother's Arms Near Rowland—Other Lumberton News.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 27.—Troy Graham, the colored man who shot and killed a child while it was held in the mother's arms at Rowland Monday, was brought here last night and placed in jail to answer for the crime at the next term of court. Graham claims, of course, that he was drunk and did not know what he was doing. He is said to be the brother of a man who walked off a wharf and was drowned at Wilmington a few years ago. Much credit is given the law-abiding colored people of Rowland who captured Graham and turned him over to officers.

Oscar Suggs, the negro who was shot here Saturday night when officers raided a gambling den, died today about noon. In the absence of Coroner Rancke, who was in another State, Mr. J. P. Townsend was appointed special coroner by Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper to hold an inquest. The jurors were L. E. Whaley, W. G. Reynolds, John T. Biggs, N. P. Andrews, Alf. N. McLeod and R. S. Sledge. County Physician W. A. McPhaul performed the examination. After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict charging Jim Jenkins, one of the gamblers, with the death of Suggs. There seems to be little doubt but that Jenkins intended the shot for one of the officers making the raid.

Mr. Thos. Dixon, Jr., of Baltimore, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr today.

Mr. J. H. Wishart, the grocer, began moving his stock of goods today to one of the new Carlyle brick stores on Chesnut street. Mr. Wishart hopes to have everything in good shape by New Year. In the meantime he is taking care of his many customers as usual.

## PEOPLE BECOMING IMPATIENT.

**At Control of State Authorities by Inferiour U. S. Courts.**

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Control of State authorities by inferior United States courts has developed to such an extent that the people are becoming impatient, declared Governor Simeon E. Baldwin, of Connecticut at the opening of the 27th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in joint session here tonight. If some of the recent court decisions are not disaffirmed, Governor Baldwin said, the judicial power of the United States apparently will extend to any justifiable controversy arising in any State, although pertaining to mere matters of local concern.

Governor Baldwin also found a real danger in the recent utterance of the President that he was for a constitution when it conserved the people's right, but not when it perpetuated the people's wrongs.

"The danger," he said, "is that a chief magistrate by some stretch of his executive or military authority may come to play the part of dictator. It is only a remote possibility, but the science which we profess warns us that great powers are apt to be abused and that the fathers were right when they declared that eternal vigilance was the price of liberty."

## GOTCH DEFEATED MONROE

**World's Champion Wrestler Will Maintain Title**

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—Frank Gotch, world's champion wrestler, defeated Alec Munroe, the English champion, in straight falls here tonight. The first fall came in twelve minutes and the second in eight minutes, five seconds, each with a half Nelson and Crotch hold.

After the decision Gotch came over to the ropes and smilingly said to the newspaper men:

"Boys, I'm done. This was my last appearance on the mat."

It was the easiest match Gotch has had for several years. The Englishman displayed but scant knowledge of the game. The champion secured his first fall by getting a half Nelson while he was raising Munroe high in the air. Gotch brought the Englishman down to the mat and, affixing the Crotch hold, easily gained the fall in twelve minutes flat. The second fall was even easier, the champion still adhering to the successful hold of the first fall. The time was eight minutes and five seconds.

"England for mine," said Munroe "I was completely outclassed."

## INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP MEET.

**Ended at New York Last Night—One Record Was Broken.**

New York, Dec. 27.—One record was broken in a series of well contested events that wound up the two-night Amateur Athletic Union Indoor Championship Meet in Madison Square Garden tonight. A few records were equalled among them, those for the 150 yard run, and the 600 yard run in the senior events. The record sent flying was in the five mile run, which was the star feature of the evening and aroused great enthusiasm. W. J. Kramer, of the Long Island Athletic Club, set the mark at 25 minutes 12 4-5 seconds, after a grand race in which for the first two miles, first one and then another of the five leaders set the pace. At the two-mile mark, however, Kramer took the lead and thereafter nobody could reach him. He won by about 100 yards. The old A. A. U. championship record was 25 minutes 19 2-5 seconds, made in 1908 by T. J. Collins, who finished second in tonight's race.

## RICHESON'S SUCCESSOR.

**Rev. Austin T. Kempton Becomes Pastor of Immanuel Church.**

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 26.—Rev. Austin T. Kempton, of Lunenburg, Mass., was tonight called to the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist Church, succeeding Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, now awaiting trial on the charge of the murder of Avis Linnell.

Richeson sent his resignation to the church immediately after his arrest. The church at its first meeting afterward voted not to accept the resignation, but later upon an indictment being found against the pastor and his second request that the church take final action, the resignation was accepted. Rev. Mr. Kempton is a native of Nova Scotia.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—An incombustible cinematograph film, which will lessen the possibility of panics in moving picture theatres, was demonstrated recently before the Berlin Chemical Society, nd is reported to be a complete success.

## MORSE IS DYING

**Staff Correspondent of Washington Post Gives This His Opinion**

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—The truth about Charles W. Morse is that he is dying, according to Thos. F. Logan, a staff correspondent of th eWashington Post. Medical aid cannot save him. Whether he remains at the hospital at Fort McPherson or goes back to the dungeon where he was cast because of some minor infraction of the rules, or is pardoned by the President, his life cannot be saved.

The only question that exists in the minds of the strict disciplinarians who are giving him medical attention is the length of time that he will live. Conflicting reports, due to a remarkable skepticism, may have gone to the President with reference to Morse's physical condition.

**Experts Admit His Condition**

Technical reasons may have been given in support of a theory that he may live one or two years. The absolute truth of the matter, however is that Morse is dying. He is dying by inches before the eyes of the nurses and doctors who are watching him. They know it and admitted it to me tonight.

There is no desire to create sympathy for Morse. There is no intention to make any statement that is based on hearsay or idle gossip. Every fact presented herewith has been verified carefully.

## CANCEL ENGAGEMENT

**"Marse" Henry Watterson Will Not Speak to Charleston Audience**

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 27.—anticipating strong opposition by German and Irish citizens of this city to a resolution to be introduced at the conclusion of the address of Colonel Henry Watterson endorsing the proposed arbitration treaties between the United States, England and France, friends of the Kentucky editor, decided to cancel the speaking engagement scheduled for tomorrow evening.

Although a committe composed of Germans and Irish-Americans had not decided upon any report recommending what action to take if such a resolution was offered, the under-current of opposition to the treaties was such that friends of Colonel Watterson thought it best to eliminate Charleston from the list of cities in which he is to speak. It was explained that there was no antagonism to Colonel Watterson personally. Colonel Watterson left Savannah today for Charlotte, N. C.

## WANTS LYNCHERS

**Governor of Maryland Looking for the Men Who Killed Negro**

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 27.—Governor Crothers has interested himself in the investigation of the lynching of King Johnson, alias Davis, the negro who was taken from the lock-up at Brooklyn, Md., Christmas morning and killed by unknown persons. Johnson shot and killed Frederick Schwab, a white man at Fairfield, last Sunday morning.

After a consultation with Judge Brasheers and States Attorney of Anne Arundel county, the Governor last night authorized the statement that he would insist that the lynchers be brought to justice. Both of the county officers expressed themselves as in accord with the Governor.

The county police are investigating the affair, but their efforts thus far to learn the identity of Johnson's slayers have been futile, it is understood.

## THE COLD WAVE

**Came Down from Northwest and Holds the Gulf Region**

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A cold wave sweeping down from the Northwest has reached the Lake region.

Since yesterday noon the temperature has fallen from 41 degrees to two degrees above zero. It was said at the government weather bureau that the temperature probably would fall ten degrees more in this section before tomorrow.

Heavy snows are reported in Wisconsin and parts of Michigan. Effects of the storm may be felt in all parts of the central West, according to the weather bureau.

In the Canadian Northwest the temperature ranges from two to twenty-six degrees below zero.

Reports from Northwestern States in this country, show the range to be from six above to fourteen below zero.

## SCHOONER TOTAL LOSS.

**Chas. J. Dumas Went Ashore Last Night—Water in Hold.**

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 27.—From Cape Henry tonight it is reported that the schooner Charles J. Dumas, which went ashore near Pea Island last night, will probably prove a total loss. There is three feet of water in her hold, and high seas are breaking over her.

A thirty-mile gale from the northwest is making the chances of saving the ship remote, although the Merritt-Chapman tug Rescue is standing by, ready to render assistance when the storm abates.

Captain Curtis and his mate are still on board the schooner, but the crew of six men have been taken off by lifesavers. Captain Curtis and his mate were warned before night that they had better come ashore, while they had a chance, but both declined.

Captain Curtis believes his vessel can be saved.

Forest City, N. C., Dec. 27.—Mr. T. J. Downey, an old Confederate soldier, dropped dead at his home, one and a half miles south of the city, yesterday evening. He was in his usual good health, and talked pleasantly to his family up to the hour of his death. He was 80 years old; nd was expecting to start to the Old Soldiers' Home at Raleigh the first of January.


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## DEFENSE FOR MISSISSIPPI.

**Will Ask for More Adequate Protection for That River.**

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—Since the formal opening of Southpest Pass, with its 35 foot channel to the gluf, the commercial organizations of this city today decided to take the fight for an adequate system of defense for the Mississippi river to the joint army and navy board in Washington, together with the protest against the proposed abolition of the New Orleans naval station. A letter of appeal signed by the heads of all the commercial organizations was forwarded to the board tonight.

Calling attention to the fact that improvements in the passes, value at $15,000,000 and the naval station, valued at $3,000,000, would be jeopardized in the event of hostilities which might block the Mississippi river and a consequent indefinite paralysis of the river's ocean commerce, the letter appeals for a defense for the month of the river "which, in our opinion can no longer be delayed and that said defense can only be effected by war vessels actually present in this harbor as fixtures; that the up-keep of government vessels, dredges, barges, lighthouse tenders, together with work on commercial vessels would put the naval station on a paying basis."

## PENSION BILL PROVISION.

**Senator Works Will Attempt to Prevent Special Pensions.**

Washington, Dec. 27.—Senator Works, of California, will attempt to attach to the Sherwood pension bill a provision absolutely prohibiting any special pension bills and making ineligible for pension any person who attempts to get special legislation. Senator Works hopes to stop the flood of special pensions which are passed by Congress at each session.

In spite of the fact that the Senate committee on pensions is framing a substitute for the Sherwood bill, which would scale down the pensions proposed, the measure as it came from the House has found many supporters in the Senate who favor the "dollar-a-day" allowance.

## HAD WRECKED HOME.

**Traveling Salesman Sought Revenge by Killing Hotel Employee.**

Rome, Ga., Dec. 27.—Douglas H. Harris, aged 25, formerly of LaGrange, Ga., was shot and instantly killed here tonight by Uriah L. Starnes, a traveling salesman. Starnes immediately surrendered to the police. He made a statement charging that Harris had wrecked his home. Starnes tonight went to the hotel where Harris was employed and shot him in the back. After Harris had fallen Starnes emptied the contents of his pistol into the body.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Mrs. H. F. Roberts, who was run down by a bicycle here two weeks ago, died tonight, aged 72 years. She came with her husband from Norfolk, Va., a few years ago, and was prominently connected in that city. The funeral will be held in Norfolk Saturday.

# BUSINESS LOCALS

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**YOUNG LADY** stenographer and typist desires position as office assistant. Address Box 428. de28-1t*

**WANTED**—One large and one small room, suitable for light housekeeping, by married couple, no children. Location, north of Market street and west of Fifth street. Address "F. R. C." 309 Nun street, or 'phone 1,230-j. de28-1t

**FOR SALE**, at a bargain, if taken quick, two 8-room houses and lot 66x155 feet. Good location; splendid neighborhood; macadamized street, on car line; sewerage and water; buggy house, feed house, stables and poultry house; fine shade trees and grape vines. A very desirable property. Half cash. Must be sold at once. Apply to J. R. Marshall, 814 Orange street, Wilmington, N. C. de28-1t*

**LOST**—Gold stick pin, small diamond setting, in purple case. Reward, if returned to "C," Star office. de28-1t

**WANTED**—Nicely furnished room in private family, by single man; references exchanged. Box 595, City. de28-2t*

**NEW SERIES** B. & L. stock opens January 6th, 1912. Mechanics' Home Association. Walker Taylor, President; W. M. Cumming, Secretary. de27-4t

**WANTED PURCHASER** this week for farm containing 240 acres, at Verona, N. C. Bargain to quick purchaser. Box 466, City. de27-2t*

**A NEW COTTAGE** — Four rooms and bath; all modern improvements. No. 216 S. 9th street, for rent at once. Call at 819 Market street. de27-tf

**WANTED**—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Address "H. M. S.," care Star. de27-2t*

**FIRST CLASS** band saw filer wants position. Best of references furnished. Address Box 75, Rocky Point, N. C. de27-6t*

**FOR RENT**—A nice five-room cottage with one or two acres of land, situated on Castle Hayne road, about one-quarter mile from the city. P. Q. Moore. de27-6t

**MOTOR CYCLISTS ATTENTION**—Motor Cyclists who expect to compete in the racing at Highwood Park on Jan. 1st should see Mr. E. R. Pickard at the Queen City Cycle Co., at once. de27-3t

**WANTED**—Position as traveling salesman with good Wilmington firm, full time; experienced; can bring good, reliable trade; best references. Would like to stay in store few days to freshen up on prices. Address "Traveling Salesman," care Star. de27-2t*

**WAKE UP!** Spread out! Advertise! Multigraph imitation typewritten circulars; cheap as printing; better results. All classes typewriting and notary work. Harriss Typewriting and Advertising Co., 114 Princess street; 'phone 708. de1-tu,su,th-tf

**FOR SALE**—The finest saddle horse in the city. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. no30-th,su-tf

**WANTED**—Room and board, either or both, by young man who works at night; must be well located and with conveniences. Address "R. S. M.," care Morning Star. de27-2t

**FANCY TOMATOES,** lettuce and celery. Dressed chickens, turkeys and geese; very best of veal, beef, lamb and pork; nice pineapples, oranges, grape fruit, apples. See our supply before you buy your supply for Xmas. Oysters. Palace Market Co., 'phone 72. de23-tf

**FOR SALE**—Three safes, different sizes. One typewriter and desk, one large roll top desk, one long high desk. See us for bargains. Central Ice Co. 'Phones 221-222. de24-tf

**UNEQUALLED OPPORTUNITIES** to learn the automobile business and get positions afterward, are offered by the Southern Automobile College, Oak Ridge, N. C. Write for particulars today. de21-12t*

**NOTICE**—If you want to make your wife or husband smile Xmas morning, stop by D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co.'s, No. 130 Market street, and buy a present that will please any wife or husband. D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co., J. B. Griffith, Mgr. de15-tf

**FOR SALE**—5 6-room houses corner 2nd and Queen streets. This property must be sold right away. We have a nice piece of property on North Front street; will make plenty of money; call at our office, 207 North Front street, and let us tell you about it. If you have any property for sale, see us. We have several parties that want to buy city property. We also have a customer that wants to buy a nice home on some good street. Must be in a nice neighborhood. Hanover Realty Company, 207 North Front street. de8-tf

**ASK YOUR GROCER** to send you a bottle of Polite's Pepper Sauce. The sauce of purity and quality. de5-1mo

**SECOND HAND** square piano for sale. In good order. Cheap to cash purchaser. Address "Piano," care Star Office. se15-tf

**UNREDEEMED SHOT GUNS,** also a high grade line bought at bankrupt stock, Ithaca, Fox, Remington, Marlin and other makes. Save money and see Uncle Charles, 16 South Front street. de7-tf

**WANTED**—January 1st, competent lady to take charge of Dry Goods department of uptown store. One who understands typewriter and shorthand preferred; reference. "Dry Goods," care Star. de16-12t

**THE GILBERT** — Remodeled; newly furnished; all hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets, junction of trolley lines; cars to beach and depot; steam heat; electric lights and hot water. Excellent cuisine and good service. Rates, $1.50 a day. Liberal discount to couples and people who stay longer. no4-tf

**BARGAINS** in trunks, hand bags and suit cases. Uncle Charles, 15 South Front street. de7-tf

**HUSBANDS,** Sweethearts and Wives—Save money on your Xmas gifts. Diamonds, Watches and High Grade Jewelry, at Uncle Charles', 16 South Front street. de7-tf

**FROST PROOF** Cabbage Plants, $1.40 per thousand, delivered anywhere in North or South Carolina; plants bunched and selected. Enterprise Plant Co., Meggetts, S. C. de22-2mo

**A LADY'S PRIDE** and delight—a nice umbrella. I have them from $5.00 to $25.00. J. T. Burke, The Jeweler. no29-tf

**PRICES AND QUALITY** guaranteed. If you want something good, call to see me. J. T. Burke, 27 South Front street. no29-tf

**FOR SALE**—We have several nice lots on the shell road near Winter Park across the road from the race track, 70x210. These lots are well drained. Price and terms, right. See us or 'phone us, 771. Hanover Realty Company, Sole Agents, 207 North Front street. de9-tf


**To Our Patrons**

we wish to express our sincere appreciation of the very liberal holiday patronage given us, and

**For All Our Friends**

we wish a Happy New Year, filled with the Realization of All They Wish Most For.

**A. O. SCHUSTER**
JEWELER,
104 North Front Street.

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MATINEE AND NIGHT.
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Seats for both performances on sale at Plummer's Friday.
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Without departing from well-established banking principles, we are able to do many things for our depositors, which make their banking connection with us more valuable to both parties.

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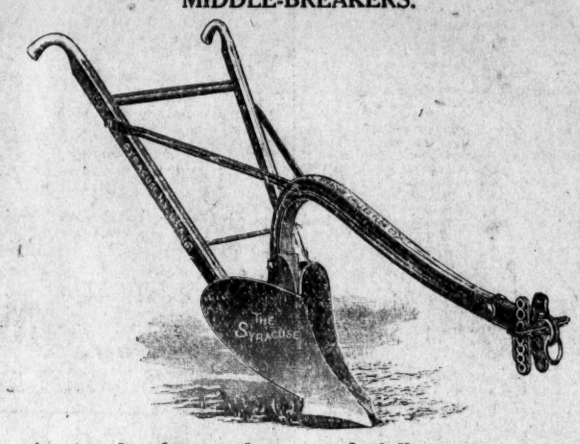


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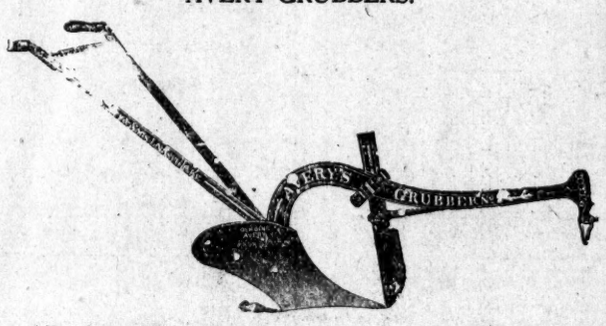


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Wilmington, N. C.

**Holiday Goods**

100 Boxes Raisins.
100 Crates Oranges.
75 Barrels Apples.
100 Sacks Cocoanuts.
100 Small Cheese.
100 40-pound Tubs Butter.
75 25-pound Boxes Mixed Nuts.
50 Buckets Peach Preserves.
75 Pails Mixed Candy.
50 Boxes Broken Candy.
100 Boxes Stick Candy.
200 Sacks Head Rice.
400 Sacks Broken Rice.
100 Barrels Patent Flour in Wood.
200 Barrels Patent Flour, 1-8 and 1-16 sacks.
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Also full line of Cakes, Canned Goods, Snuff, Tobacco, Etc., all of which are on sale at a bargain.

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